RESOLUTION # 20-53

REQUEST TO IOWA UTILITIES BOARD TO SET A HEARING REGARDING
THE PROPOSED OPERATING CAPACITY INCREASE OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

WHEREAS, when the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) approved the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline across Iowa on March 10, 2016, the proposed maximum operating capacity of the pipeline was described as 570,000 barrels of oil per day, and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2019, Dakota Access sought the IUB's approval to modify its pumping station to increase the operating capacity to 1,100,000 barrels per day and also asked the IUB to waive board rule 13.7 which requires a public hearing on such requests, and

WHEREAS, the sole pumping station for the pipeline in Iowa is in Story County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STORY COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors urges the Iowa Utilities Board to hold a public hearing to

1. investigate how the proposed doubling of the flow of oil serves the public convenience and necessity of the residents of Iowa, when in fact the U.S. has become a net exporter of oil,
2. weigh any potential benefit to the residents of Iowa against potential dangers to public health, safety and welfare – specifically harm to our land and water – due to an even higher potential for pipeline leaks and breaks, and
3. give Iowans an opportunity to address this issue with their utilities board.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2020.

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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County Auditor

ROLL CALL FOR ALLOWANCE	Lauris Olson	Yea___ Nay___ Absent___
	Lisa Heddens	Yea____Nay____Absent___
	Linda Murken	Yea___ Nay____Absent___

ALLOWED BY VOTE
OF BOARD Yea___ Nay___ Absent___

_____ Above tabulation made by ____
CHAIRPERSON