

A RESOLUTION APPROVED BY FREDERICKSBURG ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPPOSING THE ROUTING OF THE PROPOSED PERMIAN HIGHWAY PIPELINE THROUGH GILLESPIE COUNTY AND REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ACTION FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan and Exxon Mobil in partnership with EagleClaw Midstream Ventures (“Private Partnership”) have begun the process of routing a 42-inch buried natural gas pipeline, known as the Permian Highway Pipeline (“PHP”) from Cayanosa, Texas to Sheridan, Texas through the Texas Hill Country and Gillespie County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has delegated to the Private Partnership the authority to choose the route of the PHP and to take the private land traversed by the PHP using the governmental power of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, the laws of Texas provide for no oversight or regulatory process to limit this delegation of powers generally reserved for governmental bodies or with oversight of governmental bodies to the Private Partnership, or any opportunity for the landowners of the impacted property to participate in the routing process; and

WHEREAS, the PHP will traverse the properties of multiple landowner properties requiring a permanent easement of fifty (50) feet, plus an additional seventy (75) feet of temporary construction easements; and

WHEREAS, the Private Partnership has not performed an Environmental Impact Study evaluating the potential impact to property near or adjacent to the PHP, the Trinity and Edwards Aquifers, and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Fredericksburg have expressed strong concerns and opposition to the presence of the PHP in the City of Fredericksburg and Gillespie County due to its potential negative impacts to the environment, soil, water system, and land values; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Independent School District, by and through the above named members of the governing body, has an interest in the protection of its natural resources and an interest in how the PHP may affect its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF FREDERICKSBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION THAT:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact.

Section 2. Opposition. The Fredericksburg ISD opposes the PHP on behalf of the interests of the citizens of the City of Fredericksburg, Gillespie County and in recognition of the potential harm the PHP poses to its natural and economic resources.

Section 3. Call to Action. The Fredericksburg Independent School District requests immediate action by all members of both houses of the Texas Legislature to protect landowners, landowner’s property rights and communities from the negative impact of PHP and other potential oil and gas pipelines by:

1. Creating a regulatory process for oil and gas pipeline routing that enables impacted landowners and communities to have a voice in the approval process.
2. Requiring Environmental and Economic Impact Studies for all intra-state oil and gas pipelines.
3. Rescinding the unlimited power of eminent domain granted to private companies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of April 2019.


ATTEST:

FREDERICKSBURG ISD

FISD Board Secretary




FISD Board President



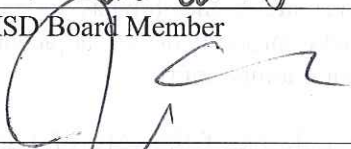
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