Nelson Co. demands info on pipeline

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MONTREY — Will Highland take the same course of action that Nelson County supervisors did in going on record asking for a meeting with Dominion Resources?

The Recorder asked the chair of Highland supervisors that question Tuesday.

Responding to public outcries including a petition signed by more than 350 county residents, Nelson supervisors passed a resolution Tuesday asking Dominion to meet with them before surveying begins in preparation for building a proposed interstate natural gas transmission pipeline.

The same pipeline would cross Highland.

The Nelson board “requests that a representative of Dominion meet with the entire board at the earliest possible date to fully explain the project, the proposed route, and address our questions and concerns; and that until such time as that meeting takes place, no further research or surveys be undertaken on the proposed natural gas pipeline in Nelson County,” the resolution states.

The Recorder provided a copy of the resolution to board chair Kevin Wagner for comment and asked whether he felt Highland should follow suit.

Wagner said the board hasn’t considered a resolution to compel Dominion to appear at a public meeting with respect to the proposed Southeast Reliability Project.

“We are aware of and will respond to the resolution passed by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors. As we have said, the proposed Southeast Reliability Project is still in its preliminary stages. We recognize there is a need for additional dialogue and will be scheduling meetings with Nelson County and others along the proposed pipeline route if we decide to move forward with the project. If so, there will be plenty of opportunities throughout the review process for government officials, landowners and other interested parties to view the latest maps, ask questions and provide additional input.”

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