

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA:
RESOLUTION #13,646**

WHEREAS, Woodbury County has a renewed interest in seeing our county grow for the benefit of families, residents, and future generations. In short, we want to grow the right way as stewards of the land entrusted to us from our forebearers and leave our county an even better place to work, live and raise a family for future generations; and


WHEREAS, During the past five years, the county has been confronted by several energy ideas that often seem shortsighted, trading short-term gain for the long-term pain that could degrade the land, safety, private property rights, quality of life, and the true economic growth; and


THEREFORE, Woodbury County supports:

- Economical and dependable forms of energy that have helped historically build America such as coal and natural gas and urges technologies that improve environmental stewardship and are not dependent on weather which has proven to cause shortages when needed most.
- Recognizing the long-term sustainability of coal-fired electricity and the jobs necessary to support it at Port Neal.
- Mindfulness for landowners and families who reside on the land over and above the interests of out-of-state companies and absentee landowners whose projects may negatively affect the quality of life and future economic prosperity.
- An absolute right for private property land rights with a rejection of the use of eminent domain to force landowners to place pipelines, turbines, solar panels, or any other energy commodity of their land against their will and consent.
- A commitment to land use that does not take productive ground out of agricultural production at a time when young farmers and true economic development needs a place to grow.
- Free-market capitalism and market-driven technologies that from a taxation standpoint do not rely on abatements, incentives, credits, and other advantages over and above other industries.
- The safety of citizens and families not subjecting residents to harm.
- Technologies that truly steward the environment but not from supposed "green energy" that comes from China, is not biodegradable, is not founded on research/science, and does not meet a "common sense" threshold.
- Energy industries that steward agricultural land and do not degrade the soil in such ways as erosion, compaction, water quality, and wildlife ecosystems and preserve our most valuable natural resource-the land of Woodbury County- for future generations.

SO DATED this 18th day of July, 2023.


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