

COE TOWNSHIP

Resolution #

A RESOLUTION AS TO THE PROPOSED CO2 PIPELINE

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Board of Trustees of Coe Township that Wolf Carbon Solutions has filed an Application for a Certificate of Authority with the Illinois Commerce Commission to construct a CO2 pipeline through our township. And, if necessary, to acquire easements and interest in private property through the exercise of eminent domain.

WHEREAS the proposed construction route of the CO2 pipeline in Coe Township runs very close to homes and the Riverdale School District, which is located in Coe Township.

WHEREAS the elected officials of Coe Township oppose the construction of a CO2 pipeline based upon the following facts and concerns:

WHEREAS a CO2 pipeline would pose a direct health and safety concern for residents, students/staff, livestock, and wildlife because of the inherent risks associated with a pipeline ductile fracture rupture creating a risk of asphyxiation, and

WHEREAS a CO2 pipeline will affect the economic conditions in the area, for instance, requiring additional training and equipment for rescue such as electric vehicles able to run during a CO2 leak, by our local volunteer fire department, burdening taxpayers, and agencies, potentially causing a tax increase, and

WHEREAS a CO2 pipeline on or near our properties is likely to negatively impact property values, diminishing the fiscal health of the township, and

WHEREAS crop production for Coe Township farmers will be decreased by soil disruption, back fill and drain tile damage. Also, the detrimental effects on the environment of woodlands and creeks, and

WHEREAS the Coe Township Road and Bridge Fund is responsible for the upkeep of all township roads and the construction of the CO2 pipeline could damage some roads, causing increased economic hardship to the Road and Bridge Fund , and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration announced on May 26, 2022, in response to criticisms and findings in the Satartia, Mississippi rupture investigation, that it was initiating a rule making update to CO2 pipeline safety standards, and

WHEREAS the date in which the new rules will be finalized is unknown, meaning if approved, Wolf Carbon Solutions pipeline may be constructed prior to finalization of updated safety standards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the elected officials of Coe Township that we hereby oppose the construction and use of eminent domain for any CO2 pipeline in Coe Township to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents, students, livestock, wildlife, farmlands, roads, and related infrastructure.

APPROVED by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Coe Township this 16th day of OCTOBER, 2023, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

APPROVED:

Date: Ayes: 4 Trustees

Nayes: 0 Trustees

Absent: 1 Trustees

Signed: [Signature]
Coe Township Supervisor

Date: 10-16-2023

Attest: Betty Northland, Clerk