

WORTH COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-44

WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD'S AUTHORITY FOR PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINES

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2024, the Iowa Utilities Board found Summit Carbon Solutions, LCC (Summit) could be vested with the right of eminent domain, and

WHEREAS, Worth County does not believe Summit meets the "public use" requirement of the Fifth Amendment, which means that the government should not arbitrarily take one person's private property rights and transfer it to another person simply for private economic gain. In this matter, Summit is seeking eminent domain over 859 parcels. Through this process, Summit is seeking private gain through a taking of private property that does not provide public use.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, under the authority of Iowa Code 331.301(1), shall "exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county and its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents." Therefore, the Worth County Board of Supervisors object to the use of eminent domain for private economic gain and the decision by the Iowa Utilities Board that Summit could be vested with the use of eminent domain for this project.

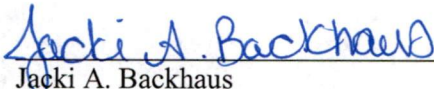
Resolution declared adopted this 26th day of August, 2024.

SIGNED:



Aaron Stone
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors, Worth County, Iowa

ATTEST:



Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor