

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

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TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. SWO-14-113

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Opposition to Dakota Access Pipeline Project

- WHEREAS,** The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate is organized under a Constitution and By laws adopted by the members of the Tribe on August 1-2, 1988, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on August 25, 1988, and last amended effective November 15, 2006; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution ARTICLE III, Section 1, states that, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate shall be governed by a Council, and ARTICLE VII, Section 1, states that, the Council shall have the following powers: (a) to represent the Tribe in all negotiations with Federal, State and local governments; (b) to acquire, own, use, manage, lease and otherwise encumber and to dispose of Tribal property, both real and personal, wherever situated; (c) to engage in any business that will further the economic development of the Tribe and its Members, and to use Tribal funds or other resources for such purposes; (d) to make rules governing the relationship of the members of the Tribe, to Tribal property, and to one another as members of the Tribe; (e) to hire employees and agents, including legal counsel, directly or as independent contractors, and to compensate them for their services; (f) to deposit Tribal funds to the credit of the Tribe, without limitations of the amount in any account; (g) to take any action by ordinance, resolution, or otherwise which are reasonably necessary through committees, boards, agents or otherwise, to carry into effect the for-going purposes; (h) to promote public health, education, charity, and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate; (i) adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Council, its officials and committees in the conduct of Tribal Affairs, and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) was established in 2005 to promote, educate, enhance, identify, encourage and preserve cultural and traditional activities, materials and areas for the benefit of future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** The Office of Environmental Protection (OEP) was established in 1995 to protect, preserve and enhance the environment for the health and safety of the people of the Lake Traverse Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Tribal Council has the responsibility to insure the preservation and protection of their people residing on the Lake Traverse Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Although the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate understands that the Dakota Access Pipeline Project's stated goal is to avoid all tribal and public lands, the historical and environmental concerns still exist; and

WHEREAS, The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council is extremely concerned about the potential contamination of the waterways and wetlands that the Dakota Access Pipeline proposes to cross; and

WHEREAS, The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council is also extremely concerned about the potential for infringement on any traditional and historical lands within the route of the Dakota Access Pipeline Project that has been proposed and is in its preliminary stages.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in furtherance of its cultural, historical, and environmental preservation obligations, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation opposes to the Dakota Access Pipeline Project; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Council of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation hereby objects to any permits being issued by the Army Corp of Engineers or the State of South Dakota.

CERTIFICATION


We, the Undersigned duly elected Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council, which is composed of 10 members (representing a total of 15 Tribal Council weighted votes and two Executive Committee votes for a total of 17 votes) of whom 9 constituting a quorum, were present at a Tribal Council meeting, duly noticed, called, convened and held at the TiWakan Tio Tipi, Agency Village, South Dakota, November 25, 2014, by a vote of 16 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent from vote, 1 not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 25th day of November 2014.



Robert Shepherd, Tribal Chairman
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

ATTEST



Robin Quann, Tribal Secretary
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

