

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: 11-18-13

Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

From: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

Title of Item:

Sandpiper Project Discussion

Requested Meeting Date: 11-26-13 Estimated Presentation Time: _____

Presenter: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

Type of Action Requested (check all that apply)

- For info only, no action requested Approve under Consent Agenda
- For discussion with possible action Adopt Ordinance Revision
- Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison)
- Approve/adopt proposal by motion Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution)
- Authorize filling vacant staff position
- Request to schedule public hearing or sale Other (please list) _____
- Request by member of the public to be heard
- Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute _____

Fiscal Impact (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget? Yes _____ No _____ (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this? Operating Capital Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: _____
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: _____

Staffing Impact (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected. Yes No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision. Yes No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy. Yes No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level. Yes No



Supporting Attachment(s)

- Memorandum Summary of Item
- Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- Draft County Board resolution
- Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- Other supporting document(s) (please list) _____

Provide (1) copy of supporting documentation NO LATER THAN Wednesday at Noon to make the Board's agenda for the following Tuesday. (If your packet contains colored copies, please provide (4) paper copies of supporting documentation as we do not have a color printer or copier.) Items WILL NOT be placed on the Board agenda unless complete documentation is provided for the Board packets.

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TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Patrick Wussow, Aitkin County Administrator

RE: Sandpiper Project Discussion

DATE: November 20, 2013

The attached information is being provided to Commissioners to aid in the discussion related to the proposed Sandpiper pipeline project



Sandpiper Project

Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC is proposing to build the Sandpiper Pipeline Project – an approximately 610-mile interstate crude oil pipeline originating at our Beaver Lodge Station south of Tioga, North Dakota. The Project will bring growing supplies of North Dakota crude oil to an existing terminal owned by an Enbridge affiliate in Superior, Wisconsin.

From Superior, the oil will be transported by Enbridge and other interconnected pipelines to refinery hubs in the United States and eastern Canada. The Sandpiper Pipeline Project will provide a long-term, stable and reliable source of crude oil for the U.S. and its refineries that supply the petroleum products we rely upon. The Project will reduce reliance on crude oil imports from countries that are often unstable or unfriendly to U.S. interests and move North America towards energy security and independence.

At a local level, communities located along the Sandpiper route will benefit in the long-term from taxes associated with the pipeline and related facilities during the life of the pipeline. Communities will also enjoy potential high-paying construction and manufacturing jobs, increased retail sales, food and lodging purchases, and equipment and materials purchases during construction.

Since installing its first pipeline more than 60 years ago, Enbridge has been committed to safe and reliable operation of its facilities. This commitment continues with the design, construction and operation of the Sandpiper Pipeline Project.

Information Materials:

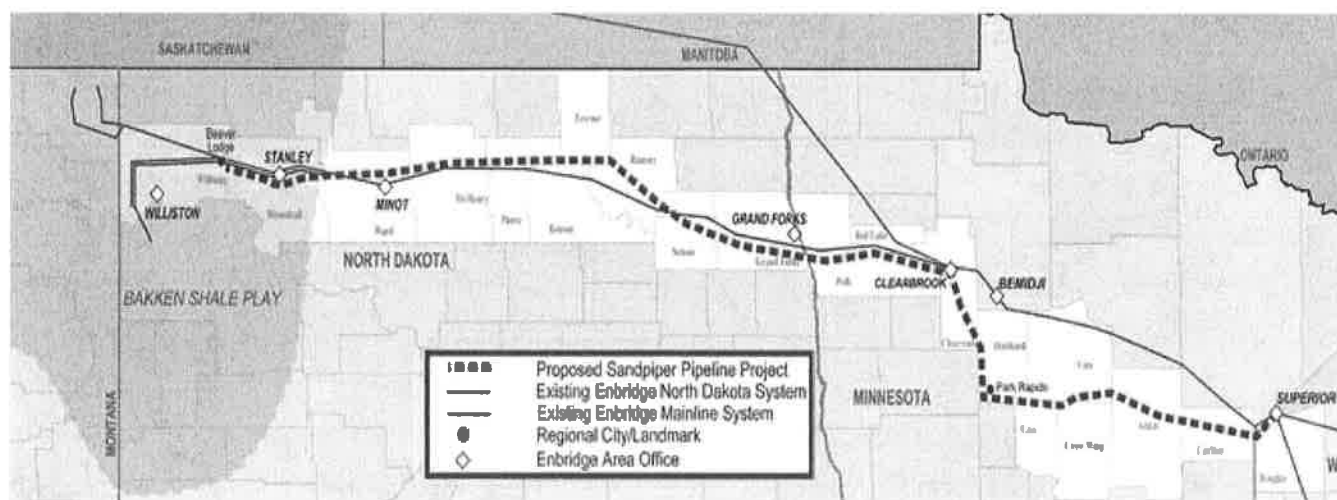
- [Project fact sheet](#) (PDF 853 KB)
- [Survey brochure](#) (PDF 1.81 MB)



Maps

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Enbridge is working to determine the Sandpiper Pipeline route, but expects much of the pipeline to generally follow Enbridge's existing pipeline in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as other existing utilities. This map shows the start and end points and the direction of the pipeline flow. However, the blue line is only a rough depiction – portions of the proposed route. For the next several months, Enbridge will be surveying and confirming the route of the planned project and provide more detailed route maps as we establish a final proposed route. The new line could be on either the southern or northern side of the existing pipeline(s) and in some cases will deviate away from the existing pipeline corridor.



Additional detailed maps of the preliminary route in Minnesota can be viewed on the [Sandpiper regulatory page](#).



Timeline

Planning, design, landowner outreach and permitting – 2013 to late-2014

Construction – late-2014 to 2016

Restoration – 2016 until complete

In-service – 2016