

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WALSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

December 3, 2019 - 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners met at Grandma Jo's Restaurant in Park River, ND.

Members present: Chair Karen Anderson, Commissioners Barta, Buriemek, and Wild.  
Absent was Commissioner Skorheim.

Also present was Tayla Snapp, Community Relations Specialist, Kris Molde, Auditor and Todd Morgan from the Grafton Record.

Tayla Snapp from TC Energy introduced herself and gave some background information about herself. She has been with TC Energy for about a year. She was at the Edinburg High School at 10:00 a.m. this morning and gave a brief overview of the operations regarding the oil spill and the history of TC Energy. She wanted to introduce herself to the commissioners and plans to meet with other officials along the pipeline route.

She explained that there is an incident command system that prepares for events like this. TC Energy uses the same system that is used by US Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The incident commander arrives on the scene and then people fall in line under him. That's how we go from 0 to 280 people on site in a short amount of time. This is how we keep everyone in check. The pipeline is monitored out of Calgary, Alberta.

The piece of pipe that broke has been replaced and sent to Houston to determine what went wrong. There will be a full investigation into the cause of the spill which is similar to a crime scene. The federal government comes in and removes the pipe, puts it on a train and ships it out. The entire process can take up to a year before a cause is determined.

The break was fairly close to the pump site, which was good in terms of containing the leak. The site is approximately 4 ½ acres. The operation has moved into the excavation phase. The contaminated soil is being hauled to Sawyer, ND and replaced with local soil that is being hauled by local truckers. The cleanup process could take up to a year from the date of the incident. There are approximately 60 people still on site including regulators who monitor the soil.

All of the security is contracted out by TC Energy. There is no cost to the Walsh County or the residents of Walsh County.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Karen Anderson, Chair

Attest:

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Kris Molde, Auditor