

This letter is in response to the May 22 article about the Kearney County Board of Supervisors passing a resolution opposing the CNPPID-Dawson merger.

I presented to the Supervisors on behalf of Citizens Opposed to the Merger. In the article Dave Rowe says, "there wasn't a lot of truth coming out of Citizens Opposed." I would like to know what these points are. Rowe is a Central board member and I think this shows the disconnect between the Central board and the management. The board isn't getting all the facts of this merger. How can a board make such a decision without all sides.

Rowe also seemed to imply that the Board of Supervisors meeting didn't follow protocol. This is completely false and is coming from the chairman of the board of Central, who is currently the defendant in a District Court case over open meeting act violations. The Kearney County Board of Supervisors have listened to their constituents, and know that this merger is bad for the Tri-County area.

Central just keeps pushing along, despite many losses and groups opposing this. Central challenged our (Citizens Opposed) standing before the Nebraska Power Review Board and lost. The merger was denied by the Power Review Board due to a technicality. Central challenged our standing in the Phelps County District Court and lost. Central and Citizens Opposed both gave presentations to the Tri-Basin NRD and Kearney County Board of Supervisors. Both boards passed resolutions opposing the merger. The Phelps County Commissioners are going to take a vote on this issue. The Central District Water Users has passed a resolution formally opposing this merger. There is currently a case in Phelps County District Court for open meeting act violations by Central.

Despite all of this opposition, Central and Dawson are planning to refile with the Power Review Board, but first are writing bylaws for a company that doesn't exist.

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