

**Interagency Meeting Notes  
Wahpeton Expansion Project  
Docket No. PF21-4  
January 26, 2022**

**Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency/Affiliation</b>
David Hanobic	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
Dawn Ramsey	FERC
Laurie Boros	FERC
Douglas Mooneyhan	Cardnow Stantec
Lavinia DiSanto	Cardnow Stantec
Becky Moores	Environmental Resources Management (ERM)
Maggie Suter	ERM
Brian Schuck	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Jason Kral	FAA
Craig Thorstenson	North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (ND DEQ) Division of Air Quality
Peter Wax	ND DEQ Division of Water Quality
Adam Dillin	North Dakota Aeronautics Commission
Doug Goehring	North Dakota Department of Agriculture
Amy Anton	North Dakota Department of Emergency Services
Jeff Thompson	North Dakota Department of Emergency Services
Bob Walton	North Dakota Department of Transportation
Gerald Heiser	North Dakota Department of Water Resources
Kathleen Duttonhefner	North Dakota Parks and Recreation
Lisa Steckler	North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office
Chris Bader	North Dakota Water Appropriation Division
Andrew Clark	State Historical Society of North Dakota, Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division
Jason Renschler	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Courtney Apperson	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency
Dean Thiel	USDA Farm Service Agency
Hannah Bailey	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Joshua Monson	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Jerry Reinisch	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Andrew Bates	WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy)
Gay Lynn Lueder	WBI Energy
Jill Linn	WBI Energy
Lori Myerchin	WBI Energy
Robbyn Reukauf	WBI Energy
Steve Kelly	WBI Energy
Jared Baesler	-
Randy Lynn Jacobson	North Dakota Department of Emergency Services
Tia Dolechek	North Dakota Department of Water Resources – Sovereign Lands
Zachary Gebeke	USDA Farm Service Agency

## Summary

- Roll call and introductions
- Mr. Hanobic opened the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda, the FERC and the FERC process, resource areas, opportunities for comment, applicant responsibilities, and the role of cooperating agencies.
  - The first virtual public scoping session was held on January 25, 2022. No commenters called into the meeting.
- Mr. Bates, Mr. Kelly, and Ms. Linn provided updates from WBI Energy:
  - WBI Energy is continuing to work with landowners on refining the route and the location of aboveground facilities (including potential for farm taps). The planned route is currently about 60.6 miles in Cass and Richland counties, North Dakota;
  - WBI Energy is currently compiling typical construction drawings and information for draft Resource Reports;
  - about 98.8 percent of landowners have granted survey permission. About 93 percent of cultural resource surveys have been completed and any discovered cultural resources have been avoided with reroutes. Biological surveys are approximately 90 percent complete. A few areas will be surveyed in the spring of 2022. The Project would be located in approximately 95 percent crop land;
  - plans are for waterbodies to be crossed via directional drill or guided bore;
  - preliminary indications are that listed species can be addressed through informal consultation;
  - the application is anticipated to be filed in May 2022, and
  - WBI Energy sent consultation letters to agencies in September 2021. WBI Energy's consultation with applicable agencies is on-going.
- Agency representative questions:
  - Mr. Schuck inquired about a possible reroute around the Kindred Airport. WBI Energy confirmed that a reroute around the airport was submitted to the FAA. Mr. Dillin confirmed that the reroute avoids the airport and future expansion plans.
  - Mr. Heiser inquired if the FERC would prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Mr. Hanobic stated that the FERC intends to use the scoping process to make that decision once WBI Energy files an application.