

State of Nebraska)
County of Stanton)

RESOLUTION No. 2021.09-31 :

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
"30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL**

WHEREAS, Stanton County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, many of Stanton County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize and/or depend upon the private ownership of land and its resources, including, but not limited to, livestock grazing, agricultural and horticultural activities, oil and gas exploration and production, mining and mineral development, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Nebraska economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Stanton County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Nebraska, and in particular rural counties such as Stanton County whose citizens depend on private ownership of land for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies and programs of Stanton County as expressed in the County's Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 1998 and revised in 2017 (Exhibit A -Adoption Resolution); and

WHEREAS, conversion of land from private ownership to federal ownership typically results in removal of said land from the tax rolls of the applicable taxing entity, whereby diminishing the pool of total tax revenue available, and causing a potential for the burden of increased taxation for the remaining owners of privately held land; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216 directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, Local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

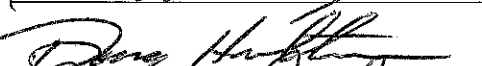
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Stanton County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Nebraska's water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Nebraska law.
5. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes the use of global climate change as a justification to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.
6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Stanton County, its businesses, and its citizens; and
7. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this 20th day of September, 2021.

Stanton County Board of Commissioners

 Dennis Kment, Chairman

 Doug Huttmann

 Duane Rehak

Board Member Huttmann Moved the adoption of said resolution;

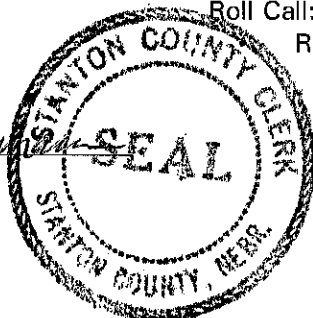
Member Rehak Seconded the Motion.

Roll Call: 3 Yes - No - Abstained - Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest:


Signature County Clerk



State of Nebraska)
County of Stanton)

Motion made by Gutshall, seconded by Kment
to approve the following Resolution approving the updates to the Stanton County
Comprehensive Plan:

RESOLUTION No. 2017.11-039 :

WHEREAS, the Stanton County Planning Commission has worked to establish a
Comprehensive Development Plan;

WHEREAS, the Stanton County Planning Commission has duly held a Public Hearing
and made a recommendation for adoption to the County Board of Commissioners for
Stanton County, Nebraska;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners for Stanton County, Nebraska, has
held the required Public Hearing to collect public input on the proposed Comprehensive
Development Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners of
Stanton County, Nebraska:

That the County Board of Commissioners for Stanton County, Nebraska adopt
Resolution No. 2017.11-039 approving and incorporating the Comprehensive
Development Plan for Stanton County, Nebraska, as recommended by the Stanton County
Planning Commission after the completion of the required Public Hearings.

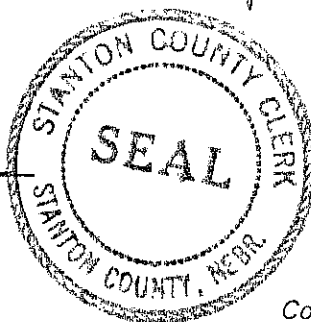
Passed and Approved this 20th day of November, 2017

Board of Commissioners
Stanton County, Nebraska

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Attest:

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Stanton County Clerk



Comprehensive Plan – approval Nov 2017

"Exhibit A"