

Opposition

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Wallace Taylor is a Cedar Rapids-based attorney who has represented the Sierra Club through the IUB's proceedings. He said his client will be appealing the decision in district court — a right outlined in both the board's ruling and in Iowa Code.

"The board has to find that this pipeline is of the most public convenience and necessity. As they said in there, (IUB) admitted, that means the benefits would outweigh the costs and the risks. It certainly does not," Taylor said.

The attorney claims Dakota Access' lack of a cohesive environmental damage mitigation plan to clean up or prevent spills — as mandated in the board order — could be a basis for appeal. Taylor also argues that with the United States lifting the export ban on domestically produced crude oil earlier this year, there is no guarantee the Bakken product will be consumed in the Midwest or U.S. He suggested this could be an argument against

the Iowa Code provision which says a utility must prove its project's public convenience and necessity before board approval.

IUB members said during their deliberations in February that the lifting of the export ban would not weigh heavily in their decision to grant the pipeline construction permit.

Carolyn Raffensperger is a representative of the Science and Environmental Health Network, one of 43 intervenors to file briefs during the IUB proceedings. She said that she and other coalition members would begin an "mourning process" but would continue resisting via lawsuits and other means left undefined Thursday.

"We intervened on behalf of future generations. The first time in this preceding that future generations were represented," she said. "And the reason we did that is your great-grandchildren had no voice in this decision, and we wanted to speak for their right to inherit clean air, clean water and stable climate. ...this story is not over. We do not have a pipeline in the ground yet. We will stop this pipeline from



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Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement State Policy Director Adam Mason leads a chant Thursday outside the Iowa Utilities Board offices in Des Moines to protest the approval of the Dakota Access pipeline.

crossing the heartland." The coalition partnered with disaffected landowners who oppose the use of their land for the pipeline but will now have to negotiate eminent domain proceedings with Dakota Access if they continue to decline voluntary easements.

Pam Alexander lives in Wapello County and has land on the pipeline route in Mahaska County. She said additional landowner protections put in the order by IUB did not go far enough for those who do not want the pipeline in their land.

"I'm really disappointed they didn't stand up for landowners rights in the state. I think it's going to be detrimental to our whole state, our land and our water, if this thing leaks," she said. "I have no confidence in Dakota Access being able to build this and being able to take care of this pipeline, and these easements they want for the rest of our lives and the rest of our children's lives, that just isn't right."

Labor union representatives quietly celebrated a victory from the ruling, anticipating the construction project will create thousands of jobs. Chad Carter, vice president business representative for International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 234, anticipates dispatching at least 50 percent of his union's workforce to help build DAPL. Carter said the project would create 300 to 400 jobs for operating engineers —

workers who handle and helm the heavy equipment which supports welders and other pipeliners.

Unions have been in constant communication with Precision Pipeline, LLC and Michels Corporation — the two subcontractors awarded the project by Dakota Access — but Carter said he does not know when his crews will be called to work. But he estimates a May start date. Dakota Access representatives indicated in IUB hearing testimony, they hope to begin construction in Iowa this spring.

"This is definitely the outcome our members here in Iowa wanted," Carter said. "It's going to be good for farmers who need the product. There isn't one piece of equipment that we operate that does not use a fossil fuel. Everybody's talking wind, but we put up at least 95 percent of the windmills here in Iowa. It takes so much natural resources to put up those windmills that they'll probably never produce what it takes to create them."

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Kutcher

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person from Iowa would acknowledge teachers and students in such a public way.

"Ashton Kutcher, out of the kindness of his heart, wanted to give back to the education system and teachers because of the wonderful education he received and the teachers who believed in him," Sherratt said. "As a teacher I want to make a positive impact on each and

everyone of my students and help them be successful."

Sherratt had posted previously on DonorsChoose.org about the need for the desks.

"I have multiple children in my classroom with ADHD or ADD and these desks could be extremely beneficial for those students as well as the ones around them," Sherratt wrote. "For students with ADHD, moving and fidgeting is an urge they cannot resist, it is a natural way to help regulate symptoms and facili-

tate learning. Students standing in the classroom are more engaged, classroom management is easier, more active learning, greater creativity, test scores are higher, and a very beneficial topic for my students is the students can shift their bodies and change position when they need to stay focused."

Kutcher and Twitter co-founder Evan Williams are among nearly 60 athletes, business leaders, celebrities and philanthropists

who pledged a total of about \$14 million this week to fund nearly 12,000 projects across the nation this week.

Teachers posted their requests on DonorsChoose.org, where they asked for things such as books, tablets, art supplies and field trips.

Kutcher, who attended Washington and Clear Creek Amana high schools, went from modeling to acting, gaining fame for his role in "That 70s Show." In recent years, he is best known for the

show "Two And a Half Men" and the movie "Jobs."

Sherratt said Kutcher's generosity shows he cares about students' educational success.

"By Ashton funding my Up Standing Classroom Project, he will help my classroom be conducive to academic and personal success," Sherratt said.

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A 'Place' to call home



Jason W. Brooks/Daily News

Several volunteers, officials and corporate representatives were at Thursday's ribbon cutting at Newton Place Apartments. From the left are Annette Beebout of Newton, Janet Latimer of Horizon Bank, Newton Mayor Mike Hansen, Bev Price of the Newton Housing Development Cooperation, Carolann Jensen of the Iowa Finance Authority and U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack. Newton Place Apartments have been completed and have housed residents for more than five months, but the ribbon-cutting ceremony honored many of the individuals and organizations who helped the age 62-and-older complex become a reality.

School

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Director of K-8 Curriculum Jim Gilbert and the district's two K-3 principals will present a report on Kindergarten FAST Data Comparison for the fall and winter of the past two school years.

The board will consider a three-year agreement with Buena Vista University.

Monday's meeting will be preceded by a 5:15 p.m. budget work session. The meeting is for discussion purposes only.

A Budget Committee meeting is set for 3:30 pm. Wednesday. The Berg Bond Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. on March 29 and the SIAC Committee



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Approval of remodeling plans for the Emerson Hough building is one of the main items on the agenda for Monday's Newton Community School District Board of Education meeting. The meeting is slated for 6:30 p.m.

will meet at 5 p.m. on April 7.

The board's next regular meeting is set for March 28.

All of the upcoming

meetings will be held at Emerson Hough.

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Harold and Daphen Prough celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

Harold and Daphen Prough will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on March 21, 2016. Their children, Terry Prough, Penny Rowley and Julie Lewis are hosting a card shower in their honor. You can send cards to the couple at their home at 1116 Park Avenue, Chariton, Iowa 50049.

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