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Among the conditions placed on the project in South Dakota will be hiring a third-party monitor to track reclamation of land along the route. The company will pay for the monitor.

"I intimately understand what these landowners have said about their property," Nelson said. He maintains a part-time cattle operation, according to his office biography.

The company also will be responsible for repairing any drain-tile systems damaged as a result of the project.

"If something goes wrong, the company is still on the hook to make it right for the farmer," Nelson said.

Nelson agreed to remove a condition that would have allowed landowners to notify the company about areas of their properties designated for organic farming.

Dakota Access executive Joey Mahmoud said one property along the route in South Dakota had been identified as organic. Mahmoud said the property owner accepted a damages payment.

A tenant, Charlie Johnson from the Madison area, operates the 160-acre parcel.

Brett Koenecke, a lawyer from Pierre representing Dakota Access, said there didn't appear to be any way for the company to satisfy the requirements of the organization that granted the organic designation to Johnson.

Mahmoud said South Dakota doesn't have state laws defining organic farming.

One of the commission's lawyers, Kristen Edwards, said she couldn't find a way to protect the organic designation and the landowner had already signed the deal with Dakota Access.

Program

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Olson, approximately 10 law enforcement members volunteer to supervise the children while they're shopping. The participants range from the Yankton Police Department; South Dakota Highway Patrol; South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks; and the Yankton Sheriff's Office.

Olson believes local law enforcement has been involved with this program since 2005.

"When it first started, we only had donations made from Pepsi and Wal-Mart," said Olson. "Since then, it has varied year to year where we get donations, whether it is from law enforcement staff, businesses in town and Yankton individuals."

The program enables children to purchase gifts for themselves and their families if they want.

"Some kids know exactly what they want and get it and be done," Olson said. "Other times they'll check every aisle before deciding what they'll get."

"It gives me a good feeling when they think about others and buy something for their parents and siblings," he added.

At a time when there is a controversial view of law enforcement in some parts of the country, Kids, Cops and Christmas allow children to see police officers in a new light.

"The kids get positive interaction with law enforcement," said Olson.

Donations to Kids, Cops and Christmas can be made at the Yankton Police Department and First Dakota National Bank in Yankton.

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Accident

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the Impala were not injured.

The driver of the Acura, identified by the Yankton Sheriff's Department as Curtis J. Nelsen, 31, Mission Hill, was declared dead at the scene after the vehicle was fully engulfed in fire.

Emergency responders were able to extricate the driver of the Subaru, identified by the sheriff's department as Ashley Riibe, 30, Yankton, after other motorists stopped and extinguished flames of the second vehicle. She was transported by ambulance to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton and later transported to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls where she was later pronounced dead.

The incident is under investigation. It was not known if weather was a factor in the incident.

Those responding to the scene included the Yankton County Sheriff's Office, South Dakota Highway Patrol and emergency responders from Yankton and Gayville.



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