

Sargent County Development Authority

Notes of the informal meeting with Green Resources

Date of Meeting: 3-19-09

Time: 7:00 pm

Location of Meeting: Cogswell Community Meeting

PRESENT: from the JDA-Mike Walstead, Sandy Hanson, Dan Delahoyde and Michelle Berry covering for Jay Jacobson

From the OEI-Terry Dawson, Audrey O'Brien, Gary Schnell

From Green Resources-Susan Murray and Dan Bartlett

Holly Jensen from SC Teller

Other people were present at the meeting, I did not take registration. Terry Dawson contacted me regarding this meeting as well as Dan Delahoyde left a message about the meeting they had arranged. I contacted The SC Commission, The SC JDA group and Twp supervisors about the meeting. As per a conversation with Dan at the start of the meeting I made an error in assumption of Twp supervisors invite. So I do apologize for that to those that prepared for the meeting.

Introductions of the Green Resource group were given by Terry Dawson.

Explanation regarding the test tower and the location in Jackson Township.

Susan stated that other areas of the nation are starting to see saturation in the wind farm industry and ND is the new hot location. She is starting to see some slight saturation in some areas of the state.

Since the last visit with JDA and OEI they have done a lot of leg work to study the laws of ND, and what the others are using for landowner leases in the state. They now feel they have a very good landowner friendly lease to let us review. Mike Walstead will take the lease and share it with Bill Anderson and Lyle Bopp. Sandy will make a copy of it and forward it to Audrey with OEI.

Some of the information and slide show were duplicate of what they showed and told us at the first meeting. Towers last 18-40 years. Popular towers were the 1.5 MegaWatt towers, now the trend is moving towards the 2 – 2.5 MW towers. They are starting to see some 3 MW towers as well. Green Resources had to go thru a transition thru some of the winter months due to current economic situations. They now have locked in some good financing and are ready to move into phase 1 with our area. They work with 50 – 200 MW farms which entail 10,000 – 50,000 acres. They have to consider soil types for building, interconnections, transmission space, substations, selection of sites, lease agreements, deed searches for clear deeds on land, permits, data analysis, finance, as well as other things that she discussed.

Susan stated her lease is a 40 yr lease setup with stages of payments dependent upon development and the life of the lease.

Dan brought up and discussion was held on Pools. From the little I understand it, It is payment of sometype for those that may fall into the footprint of the wind farm development, but not necessarily having a tower on their land.

Susan stated that as a developer she does not establish the pools, but the local landowners can get organized and create a pool to work as a unit with the developer. The developer then works with representation of that unit.

Gas and oil they like it to remain 500 feet from the turbines.

Michelle asked if Green Resources has completed a project yet, Susan stated that Green Resources is a fairly new company and since her employment with GR she has the first stages of projects in place but GR has not completed a project at this time. Susan was with another company prior to this and that company had completed projects. Standard space between towers is 40 – 60 acres depending on the turbine size. Spacing is important so that one turbine is not robbing energy from another and they begin to loose their efficiency. Discussion on perpetual leases and what the state of ND law is currently regarding those. I am not clear at this typing what that is. Discussion was held on who would have final decisions on what developer would work with the landowners and if any one has final decision. Recommendations can come, but can anyone really tell a landowner who to work with? Discussion on mineral rights and wind rights. It was stated that Mineral rights supercede surface rights. GR will need to actively start looking for buyers of the energy. Discussion was held on community wind farms. There is local investment and the locals see some royalties or payments. Discussion regarding other locations in sargent and dickey county for testing. Moving current tower. Charlie Kreamer suggested that the current tower should stay to continue monitoring even after a farm is developed. The cost of teardown and reconstruction would cost as much as starting new due to labor costs. Stimulus dollars available for wind energy and for transmission was discussed. Grants are currently available for Cummunities to conduct studies. I will investigate that further. That is about all I have for notes. This is simply my interpettation of the mtg. Dan, Mike, or Michelle may have understood discussion differently then I or had better clarification of statements made. This is simply a briefing of what took place.

