

EL-18053-In the Matter of the Application of Deuel Harvest Wind Energy LLC for a permit of a wind energy facility and a 345-kV transmission line in Deuel County

Heath Stone

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Gary SD 57237

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Good Evening Commissioners,

I am requesting that you deny this application, but if you see fit to approve it I would like to dispute the placement of 5 wind towers in proximity to our property.

I own 160 acres and am a partner with Stone's Conservation Acres which owns 220 acres (Listed as [REDACTED] on the landowner map) are located in Glenwood township section 34 and 35 adjacent to the project. There will be towers located to the NW of my property with wind tower 103 being about 1200 ft from the property line and a group of four wind towers will be about 4900 ft. Stone's Conservation acres will have 4 towers in close proximity to the boundary. Tower 109-575ft, tower 110-2000ft, tower 111-1670ft, tower 112-2400ft. I am disputing the placements of these towers in close proximity to our property impacting the enjoyment of our land, restricting development, and negatively impacting our family business and I am requesting that with your authority these towers be moved or eliminated due to the following:

My wife and I purchased our property in 2012. We enjoy this piece of ground to get away and decompress from life issues, enjoy each other's company and teach our children about nature. Many times we have gone there to relax, have picnics, walk, and view wildlife. The property is also enjoyed by many hunters who come to hunt pheasants on our land and Stone's Conservation Acres. Together, my family operates South Dakota Pheasant Hunts which is a licensed preserve in the state. Every year, about 150-200 hunters come to South Dakota Pheasant Hunts to get away. The thing I cherish most, and many of our clients do also, is the solitude, peace and quietness. We are in the memory making business. Sure our clients come out to put a few birds in the freezer, get away from the city, are on a business trip, family gatherings, but what is the number one thing that comes out of this....making memories. Every year, I love listening to the hunters talk about the previous year's hunts. This past fall, I randomly ask my clients what they thought about having wind towers around the property. Some said it

would not affect their hunt, but others were concerned, saddened and the look on some of their faces said it all. This to me is an issue that is going to directly affect our business. Customer satisfaction is huge and if you don't have a customer that is satisfied or you can't meet their needs they are going to be disappointed, even though this is out of my control, we risk the possibility of losing that customer. The towers that are close to my property and Stone's Conservation Acres will have a direct impact on our business.

On my 160 acres, there is an old farm house that sits high up on a hill overlooking our land in the NW corner. One night, my wife and I were sitting there enjoying a quiet evening when we both looked at each other and said, how awesome would it be to live here. Our dream is to someday build a house at the old homestead overlooking this pristine area, but now with Tower 103 within 1600ft of the old building site and 4 wind turbines directly NW of the site, our dream has been severely hindered. When we build, Tower 103 will be within the setback of 4 times the height of a turbine. The placement of this tower has restricted future development from safely happening on my property

My personal enjoyment of our land will also be impacted. Tower 109, 110, 111 and 112 will affect the movement of waterfowl that use the area and are placed close to the wetlands that exist on our property, wetlands I love to hunt. Tower 109 will be located 850ft away from a deer stand that I have been hunting out of for years. Hunting this close to a tower will make me uncomfortable and cause me to avoid using that stand. Is this right, that someone else can put me in harm's way if an issue occurs with the tower?

Inverenergy will tell you they cannot move towers or they don't want to because it will mess up their placements. However, the map layout that the Deuel County Zoning board approved on January 22, 2018, is not the same one here today. Towers have been moved or eliminated. So it is possible, they can be moved.

This project has left many battle scars already. Families have left the county taking with them their children and economic impact they had on the local economy. They had to decide whether to stay or leave to protect the health and welfare of their family. How many more families are ready to leave? The families that left had a great economic impact on their local community and those dollars have left the county. This is just one example, of what will happen if this project is approved. Good Families, good people are leaving the county. I ask you to please deny this application.

# South Dakota Pheasant Hunts

Preserve Boundary

Legend

Towers 95,96,97,98

Tower 103

SD Pheasant Hunts

Tower 110

Tower 111

Tower 112

Tower 109

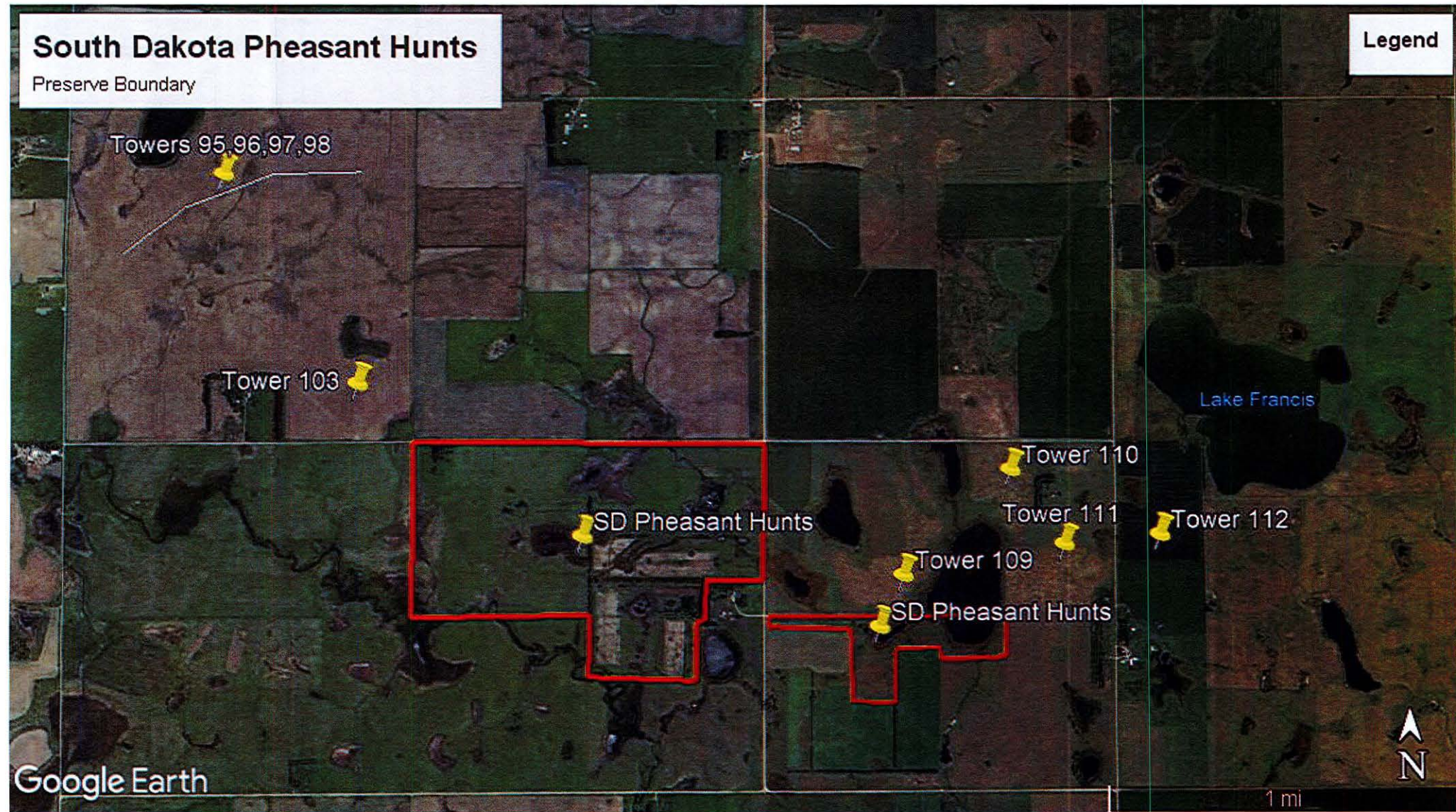
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Lake Francis



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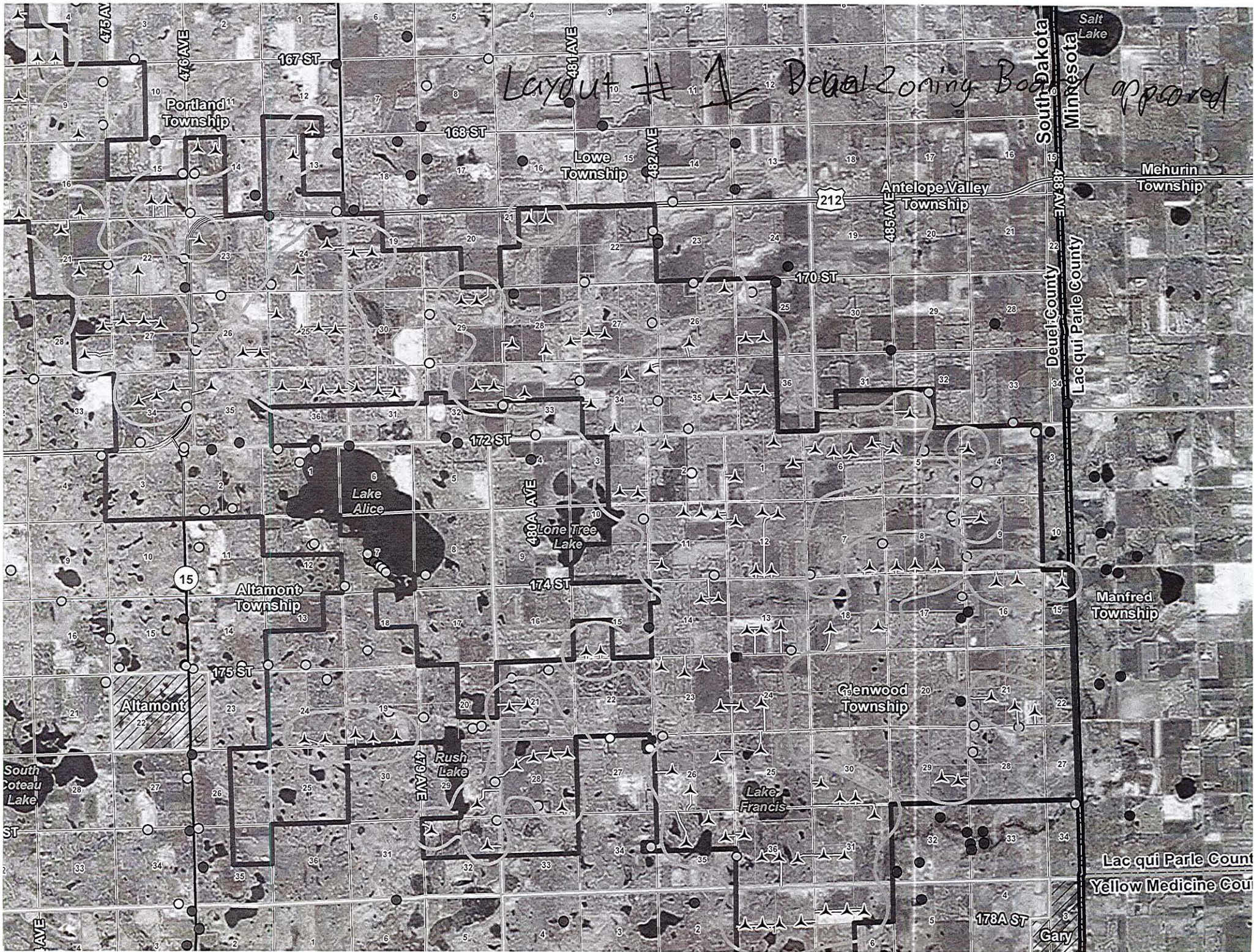
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**Heath Stone**  
Property Boundary

Tower 103

Future Development/House

**Appendix D-2**  
**Acoustic Contour Maps**



Layout # 1  
Beaumont zoning Board approved

Portland Township

Lowe Township

Antelope Valley Township

Altamont Township

Glenwood Township

Manfred Township

Altamont

Rush Lake

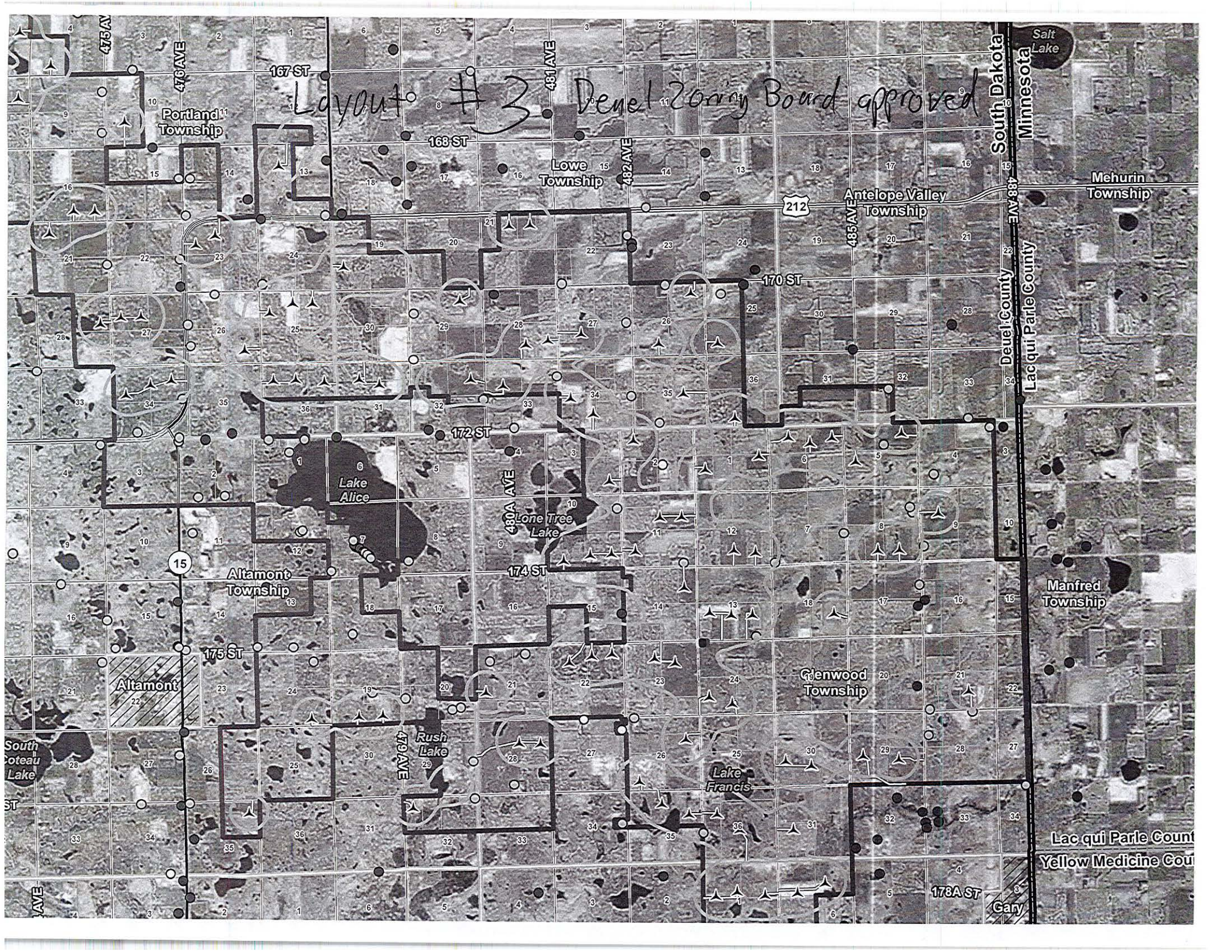
Lake Francis

Lac qui Parle County  
Yellow Medicine County

South Dakota  
Deuel County  
Lac qui Parle County

Minnesota  
Salt Lake

Gary



Layout #3. Denel Zoning Board approved

Portland Township

Lowe Township

Antelope Valley Township

Altamont Township

Glenwood Township

Manfred Township

South Dakota  
Deuel County

Minnesota  
Lac qui Parle County

Salt Lake

Mehurin Township

Lac qui Parle County  
Yellow Medicine County

Cary

167 ST

168 ST

481 AVE

482 AVE

485 AVE

488 AVE

212

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172 ST

170 ST

174 ST

175 ST

Lake Alice

Lone Tree Lake

Rush Lake

Lake Francis

178A ST

AVE

Layout # 2 Devel zoning Board approved

