

Campbell County considers zoning amid wind farm proposal



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MOUND CITY, S.D. (AP) South Dakota officials are considering adopting temporary zoning rules amid a proposed wind farm expansion.

Campbell County Commissioners approved a \$5,000 contract last month with the Northeast Council of Governments to prepare zoning and ordinance regulations. The move follows energy company ConEdison's proposal to expand its 55-turbine wind farm in the county, adding 39 more turbines.

Residents at a recent commission meeting voiced concerns about health issues, noise and setback distances associated with the expansion proposal.

A ConEdison spokeswoman declined to comment on the expansion.

Commission Chairman Scott Rau says the county is considering a temporary zoning ordinance, which would allow commissioners to set zoning control for a year. Rau says the county needs to set boundaries since there aren't existing regulations that do so.

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