

PUC Meeting of Feb. 5/2018 in Clark SD

Purpose =Value ; also the importance of stewardship.

The Holy Bible is the most important book we have. I will quote a few verses for you from John's gospel Chapter 3. Quoting verses 1-8 from the King James Bible. 1."There was a man -----

Jesus was talking to Nicodemus about something very important. It was more important than wind turbines, More important than; the Crocker Wind Farm Project and more important than Geronimo. Jesus was talking to Nicodemus about a requirement that everyone must meet if they want to see, and want to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus told him; "Ye must be born again". If you have not been born again or perhaps you don't even know what it means at all. Perhaps the church you attend has never mentioned it. You need to find out what it means, you need to experience it for yourself. Jesus explained it to Nic. By comparing it to the wind; (requote verse 8) "The wind-----Jesus was telling Nic. That there is a certain mystery about being born again

that can be compared to the wind. You can hear it, you can feel it, and you

can see the results of it ;but you can not actually see the wind. If we can establish that the wind has a purpose we can establish that the wind has value. The greater the purpose the greater the value. Only God knows all the purposes of the wind, but we can know some of the purposes of it. One such purpose is to generate electricity. When I was a young boy growing up right here in Clark County on my families' farm I used to ride my bike on country gravel roads and dirt trails and in the pasture to bring in the milk cows. It seemed like most of the time I was either riding up hill or against the wind. Oh yes we had wind ~~where~~^{any} back then, wind you see is a renewable energy source. It is clean and reliable. At that time I wondered, does the wind have any real purpose?

Then in the winter time if the wind was blowing it seemed to always make our daily chores just that much harder and if the temperature was 0 or below 0 the wind had a real nip to it almost like a bit. If your from SD you know what I mean. As I got older I came to realize that the wind has many purposes for example; if it blew out

of the south for a day or two you knew the temperature would be warming up. I remember one time we took a short trip as a family out to the western part of SD. I remember seeing a small wind mill out in a pasture, in the middle of nowhere it was near a large water tank and a pipe ran from the windmill to the tank. There was water coming out of the pipe and the tank was full, cattle were around the tank drinking water and more cattle were coming to drink. Those cattle did not realize it but it was the wind that was making the windmill turn and allowed it to work the water pump and pump the water so that they could drink. I could see the wind had a purpose and it benefited the cattle and the owner of the pasture. Because as you know a good pasture without water is not a good pasture at all. If those cattle could have comprehended these things and if they could talk they would probably say "thank God for fresh, clean, cool water, ; thank God for the wind." Cattle can't talk, but you can, so what do you say? "Thank God for the wind". "Thank God for good clean drinking water, thank God for good pastures for our livestock, thank God for electricity , always be thankful. This brings me to the subject of ste-

wardship. You and I are only stewards of what God has allowed us to have. Anything and everything including life itself is a gift from God. When you die your stewardship ends. This is a farming community, the soil you have is a gift from God. You and I are to be good stewards of the land. Please know and be reminded that you are not a "dirt" farmer; you work with the soil, God's good earth and it has much potential to raise tremendous crops. You as a good steward should practice good farming practices; do you practice no till or minimum till, do you practice crop rotation, do you use fertilizer, do you do soil testing? These are a few of the questions you might ask yourself every day. Much of my land of which I am a steward is native grassland, it has never been tilled. Cattle love it and I appreciate it. I am always concerned that it not be over grazed. God is the real owner of my land and I am only the caretaker, the steward. When I die someone else will have my job. Do you feel that way about what God has given you? That same attitude should apply to your livestock, your equipment, your vehicles, your talents, and everything else you have.

There is another natural resource that God has provided for everyone in SD. That is the wind. Mankind can make and put up big beautiful wind turbines and maintain as needed but the resource we need to make them work is a gift from God and that is the WIND. God provides it free and in very generous amounts and furthermore he delivers it free and with no taxes. If we had no wind we would not even be having a meeting such as this. One of the greatest purposes that we have discovered to date of the wind is to generate electricity. We all use electricity every day in our homes and businesses. With the interstate power transmission lines that we now have in place we can sell any excess power to other states and places as an exported commodity . We should be good stewards of the natural resources that God has given us in the wind. We have ideal land for large wind turbines, and now that we have all agreed to a 3/4 mile set back from non-participants homes even the people who were opposed to the project should be in favor of it. This project is being offered to us at no cost to us and will benefit not only the land owners but everyone else in our community. We have the opportunity to profit from the

wind and to produce electricity by using a clean renewable energy source.

I support the Crocker Wind Farm Project, I support large wind turbines, I support Geronimo Energy, if you support the project I support you. If I ever get proper permission to climb one of those beautiful wind turbine towers I will do so and it would be especially exciting to me if it were a tower on my own land.

If you want to talk to me about anything I have said in this report please feel free to call me.

Thank you for hearing me. PTL

Fred Rosenau

