

This will be your last opportunity to voice your opinion in person about this wind energy project that will change our community forever.

1. There are 61 turbines planned. Beethoven already has 43 turbines, which are 405 ft. tall. The new turbines are 590 ft. tall and 21 of them are located between Avon and Highway 46. Are you concerned about what 104 red blinking lights will do for our night skies? You will be able to hear at least 21 turbines when the wind and humidity are right. Are you ready for that?
2. Although they like to make it look local, Prevailing Winds is now owned by SPower, and they describe themselves as: "Owned by a joint venture partnership between AES Corporation, a worldwide energy company headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, and the Alberta Investment Management Corporation, one of Canada's largest and most diversified institutional investment fund managers." So much for "our friends and neighbors". These corporations now have property rights on tens of thousands of acres of land our grandfathers worked so hard for.
3. Legally, a 590 ft. turbine can be placed 1000 ft. from your home. You can thank the Bon Homme County Commission for this.
4. A few weeks ago, our Governor gave Prevailing Winds (S Power) 4.3 million dollars in economic development money (our tax money).
5. In August 2016, the PUC held a similar meeting for the same project in Avon. After a lot of opposition, a week or so later PW withdrew their project, saying "the motion to withdraw the application cited misinformation surrounding the project. The organizers said they plan to better inform the community on the wind project and allow Prevailing Winds to revisit their options regarding the project" (Yankton Press and Dakotan). They also said in that article that they would not break up the project into smaller units. But in December 2016 they formed 13 different LLC's and did break up the project. They had no public information meetings.
6. But after 2 years, they finally admitted the truth, on page 6, lines 133-137 of James Damon 's testimony in the present application, they stated they didn't have all the private land rights secured nor did they have a buyer for the electricity.

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7. So, we see that the whole meeting in August of 2016 was about a bluff. The map was a bogus map, the projections of money were bogus, and the tower

locations were bogus. It was all a bluff. They were bluffing the community, the county officials and the PUC. Now they are coming back again. Is there any more reason to believe them now than two years ago?

8. Prevailing Winds estimates annual revenue to Bon Homme County at \$201,000 annually. The total taxable value in the county is \$832million dollars. So the county could receive the same amount of money if they just raised taxes 50 cents an acre (land assessed at \$2,000/acre.) Or a house assessed at \$50,000 would have a tax increase of \$12 a year. If the county really needed the money this bad, wouldn't they better do this than what another 61 wind turbines will do? Is turning the west side of our county into an industrial wind generator and some day a junkyard of wind turbines worth it, when we can keep the beautiful place we have for 50 cents an acre? Has anybody thought it through?
9. It's obvious who's making the money here, for the production tax credit for a 200 MW wind project over 10 years is \$150-160 million dollars. This goes to SPower.
10. For those of you that signed up for wind turbines and now discover you aren't going to get what you thought, maybe you should be looking at your quality of life for the next 30 years. For they have moved you into the category of "you'll have to live under them and not get paid", which is what they told you when you signed up.
11. It's all about saving the community. As I said from the beginning, wind energy is a taxpayer scam and nothing more. Nobody that gets electricity from a wind turbine doesn't already have it. I've never seen a price decrease in utility rates, only increases. The benefits are for the multinational corporations and the investors. They use us, and they use our land to get what they want.

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