

My name is Tim Thorpe:

I am part of Bud Thorpe's Inc.; landowners in Grant County. We are firm believers in the Dakota Range III wind project and like the fact that it will bring jobs and income to the area.

This county is in need of financial assistance and we don't see anybody else lining up to bring tax dollars like this to the area. This project will improve the tax base for Grant County, provide potential revenue for the county, improve schools, and improve the lives and income potential for area farmers. Most of the people that oppose this project don't even own land in Grant County.

We have had a good working relationship with the team from Apex over the last few years. We trust their team and they have been easy to work with. We are confident that this team will make this project a reality.

We have been trying to get wind development in our area for the last 15 years. So far it has been all talk and these guys are really going to build something. Let's assist them by being supportive.

We want this project in our community.

**Therefore we respectfully request the County  
Commission approve the permit for Dakota Range III.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Thorpe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tim Thorpe

Secretary, Bud Thorpe's Inc.