

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION BY CROWNED RIDGE
WIND, LLC FOR A PERMIT OF A
WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN GRANT
AND CODINGTON COUNTIES**

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September 30, 2020

Thank you for the discussion during the open portion of the PUC meeting September 29th, 2020. Here are pictures of 162nd Street taken in August, these were taken AFTER I discussed the terrible road conditions during the PUC meeting in July. The following pictures were one mile of 162nd Street, the county road which borders my property.









The above photos do not include the other areas I complained about in April. Here is an example of the road pictures I took in April. Keep in mind, this section pictured below, is not included in the above pictures taken in August, but are in the same mile of terrible road damage:



Here are some photos from 464th. The most concerning is the issue in front of the batch plant, where you come over the crest of the hill and the entire lane is in terrible shape and has been for many, many months. There are other areas on this two miles of road that are in terrible shape, as well.



Sometime after my complaint in April, CRW did take out the broken pavement and filled with gravel. However, the gravel is not a smooth road, it is full of potholes, washboard, and still very dangerous and inconvenient for regular travelers. The tractor/trailers and such, used by the developers take a beating and that is considered part of the process, but we local residents should not have to subject our vehicles to this abuse, as well as putting ourselves into a safety concern situation.

Here is a small portion of the area of weeds that I spoke of at the batch plant. These weeds have gone uncontrolled for 2 years and have now seeded again this year. The embankment completely surrounds the batch plant (10 acres, I believe), and is entirely covered in weeds. The first is a small portion of the area, and the second is my attempt to zoom in so you can see the weeds:



I took this picture today of the corner of 162nd Street and 467th Avenue. I believe this is the issue Commissioner Hanson was referring to in regard to the gravel not being solid. This corner is on a curve.





When I drove out to take the two pictures today (above), I see there is a crew digging out bad pavement areas on 162nd Street. I am grateful for that. However, as you can see, this went on far too long. When I originally made my complaints in April, it wasn't because those road issues appeared overnight. They remained from CRW construction the previous year, 2019, and worsened over winter. The liaison for the project told me there is nothing he can do, he just relays information. Is that the case? Is that what your intention of the liaison officer's limitation? It may be, I'm just asking. Because if that is his limitation, then I don't see the benefit to the community, vs calling the PUC directly.

Thank you for your attention and questions yesterday. This shouldn't happen in any project...ever. In my opinion, this should be a lesson, that when complaints are made, they should be taken seriously and discussed.

Sincerely,

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