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**HYDE COUNTY**

**VOTER POLL**

**AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2018**

## HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

**This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy of Jacksonville, Florida from August 22 through September 9, 2018. A total of 173 registered voters in Hyde County, South Dakota were interviewed by telephone.**

**Those interviewed were selected randomly from a telephone-matched voter registration list that included both land line and cell phone numbers**

**The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than  $\pm 6.2$  percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed.**

## POLL RESULTS

**QUESTION: Do you support or oppose building new wind turbines in Hyde County?**

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| <b>Support</b>   | <b>74%</b> |
| <b>Oppose</b>    | <b>22%</b> |
| <b>Undecided</b> | <b>4%</b>  |

**QUESTION: In 2003, the South Dakota Wind Energy Center built 27 wind turbines in Hyde County. Do you feel over the last 15 years that those wind turbines have had a positive effect or a negative effect in Hyde County?**

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Positive</b>           | <b>65%</b> |
| <b>Negative</b>           | <b>14%</b> |
| <b>No Effect/Not Sure</b> | <b>21%</b> |

**QUESTION: Do you feel wind turbines are safe, or not?**

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Yes</b>      | <b>91%</b> |
| <b>No</b>       | <b>8%</b>  |
| <b>Not Sure</b> | <b>1%</b>  |

**QUESTION: Do you feel that adding the proposed new wind turbines would or would not significantly increase revenues for the county and provide increased funding for public services, such as public schools and emergency response?**

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| <b>Would</b>     | <b>73%</b> |
| <b>Would Not</b> | <b>21%</b> |
| <b>Not Sure</b>  | <b>6%</b>  |

**QUESTION: Do you feel wind turbines are environmentally friendly, or not?**

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Yes</b>      | <b>87%</b> |
| <b>No</b>       | <b>9%</b>  |
| <b>Not Sure</b> | <b>4%</b>  |

**QUESTION: Do you feel that additional wind turbines would or would not have a negative effect on hunting?**

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| <b>Would</b>     | <b>18%</b> |
| <b>Would Not</b> | <b>75%</b> |
| <b>Not Sure</b>  | <b>7%</b>  |

**QUESTION: Do you feel that additional wind turbines would or would not create new jobs in Hyde County?**

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| <b>Would</b>     | <b>76%</b> |
| <b>Would Not</b> | <b>17%</b> |
| <b>Not Sure</b>  | <b>7%</b>  |

**QUESTION: Do you feel additional wind turbines would have a positive effect or a negative effect on the local economy in Hyde County?**

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Positive</b>           | <b>77%</b> |
| <b>Negative</b>           | <b>9%</b>  |
| <b>No Effect/Not Sure</b> | <b>14%</b> |

**QUESTION: The proposed wind energy project in Hyde County is expected to generate an additional \$400,000 a year in local tax revenues. Given that, do you feel this project would have a positive effect or a negative effect on Hyde County?**

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Positive</b>           | <b>80%</b> |
| <b>Negative</b>           | <b>3%</b>  |
| <b>No Effect/Not Sure</b> | <b>17%</b> |

**QUESTION: Have you received information from any group that is opposed to building the proposed new wind turbines in Hyde County?**

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>14%</b> |
| <b>No</b>  | <b>86%</b> |

**QUESTION: Have you received information from any group that is supporting the building of the proposed new wind turbines in Hyde County?**

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| <b>Yes</b> | <b>19%</b> |
| <b>No</b>  | <b>81%</b> |

**QUESTION: If a county commissioner voted to approve the construction of additional new wind turbines in Hyde County, would you be more likely to vote for him or her, less likely to vote for him or her, or would it have no effect on your vote?**

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>More Likely</b>        | <b>57%</b> |
| <b>Less Likely</b>        | <b>10%</b> |
| <b>No Effect/Not Sure</b> | <b>33%</b> |

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### **PARTY REGISTRATION:**

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Democrat</b>             | <b>42 (24%)</b>  |
| <b>Republican</b>           | <b>109 (63%)</b> |
| <b>Independent or Other</b> | <b>22 (13%)</b>  |

### **AGE:**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>18-34</b>   | <b>23 (13%)</b> |
| <b>35-49</b>   | <b>36 (21%)</b> |
| <b>50-64</b>   | <b>56 (32%)</b> |
| <b>65+</b>     | <b>55 (32%)</b> |
| <b>Refused</b> | <b>3 (2%)</b>   |

### **SEX:**

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Male</b>   | <b>83 (48%)</b> |
| <b>Female</b> | <b>90 (52%)</b> |