

From: Eleanor Iverson [REDACTED]
Date: April 26, 2019 at 11:22:53 AM MDT
To: Gary Hanson, Chris Nelson, Kristie Fiegen
Subject: [EXT] PUC hearing in Miller SD

Dear PUC Commissioners,

Let me start this note by saying how much I learned at the hearing. I thought it was a good experience, and certainly a new experience for me. The greatest gift we have as citizens is the opportunity to weigh in on matters such as wind tower development. I also would like to state that I am definitely not opposed to wind energy in anyway. Nor am I opposed to landowners having the opportunity to take advantage of ways to enhance their income earning potential on their land. Obviously, there must be safety and health issues taken into consideration, which goes without saying.

My big concern in all of this, and in any other endeavor that a public entity may be undertaking, is policy, procedure, law, regulation, transparency etc. At the hearing I addressed concerns of Scout starting to "dig dirt" without proper permitting.

In this note I would like to address conflict of interest and perhaps clarify or expound on information mentioned briefly last evening. As was stated last night, our Hand County Zoning board, and the Hand County commissioners are the same people. When the board(s) first began talking about wind zoning ordinances a "study committee" was formed by volunteering for the committee. The volunteers were [REDACTED] (who lives in the Sweetland project), [REDACTED] (who has a wind tower on his land from the Ree Heights/BP project from a number of years ago) and Elton Anson, our states attorney (whose mother/family also has land in the Sweetland project area). After a year of the study committee being formed they announced that Scout was here, ready to proceed and the committee really hadn't done any research yet. So, they sat down with Scout and let Scout draft a memoranda of understanding. The commissioners/zoning board reviewed it and approved it. So, Scout wrote the rules for this project with the blessings of our commission/zoning board. I am thinking that two of those commissioners should have recused themselves from the vote. Part of the discussion in forming a "real" zoning ordinance concerning setbacks included a suggestion that setbacks be two miles with the option of signing waivers. [REDACTED] made the comment that this would never work as his land would never qualify to get anymore wind towers. He later explained that he had used his land as an example only of why two miles was a poor idea, and that those comments did not constitute a conflict of interest.

I once again thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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