

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

08/01/11

The Board of Supervisors met on 08/01/11 at 9:05 a.m. in the Story County Administration Building. Wayne E. Clinton, Paul Toot and Rick Sanders, with Chair Wayne E. Clinton presiding.

- 1. 9:05 a.m. opening of meeting and discussion of the itinerary & agenda. Introduction of Johnson County & Story County personnel.**
- 2. 9:30 a.m. departure for travel to Story County Wind Center Operations and Maintenance Facility, 18327 720th Avenue, Zearing, IA.**
- 3. 9:45 a.m. start of presentation with Samuel Tasker, Site Manager, NextEra Energy, Inc., reported on company background, energy resources and types (wind, solar, and hydro), portfolios by fuel type (95% low carbon), wind generation, general life span of turbines 25-30 years, environmental stewardship, site maps, \$2 billion invested in Iowa (five sites), benefits, property easements (substations are owned), energy conversion, power storage, descriptions of the two wind farms in Story Co., operations of wind farm, turbine gear box facility in Story City, construction process, and supporting communities. Q & A took place. Visit to two wind farms.**
- 4. Recess for lunch – Country House, Colo, IA.**
- 5. 1:00 p.m. reconvene meeting at the Administration Building - Presentation from Leanne Harter, Director of Planning & Zoning. Harter gave an overview on history, research, regulations including a de-commissioning plan. Harter reported on GIS analysis, set-backs, process, and lessons learned. She then took questions. Darren Moon, Engineer gave a presentation covering haul routes, condition use permits, issues, inspections, pre-construction meeting, road damage, lessons learned, and bridge issues. Process much smoother for the second phase. He answered questions from the attendees. Wayne Schwickerath, County Assessor showed a video on basic facts about turbines and wind energy. Schwickerath gave background on wind energy in Iowa (2nd largest producer of wind energy in nation), topography, electric transmission lines, relevant chapters of the Iowa Code, flowchart for passage of County ordinance, tax chart, and turbine diagrams. He briefly discussed tax increment financing (TIF). Conversation took place about the possible effects on migrating birds and bats as well as weather concerns, especially ice build-up. Johnson Co. Board thanked our staff & Board, and recommended sharing ideas between the Boards for other items.**

Toot moved, Sanders seconded to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. (MCU).