

APPENDIX D
AGENCY COORDINATION LETTERS

Rothfork, Mark

From: Cinadr, Thomas [Thomas.Cinadr@mnhs.org]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 9:03 AM
To: Rothfork, Mark
Subject: RE: Email
Attachments: Historic.rtf

THIS EMAIL IS NOT A PROJECT CLEARANCE.

This message simply reports the results of the cultural resources database search you requested. The database search produced results for only previously known archaeological sites and historic properties. Please read the note below carefully.

No archaeological sites were identified in a search of the Minnesota Archaeological Inventory and Historic Structures Inventory for the search area requested. A report containing the historic properties identified is attached.

The result of this database search provides a listing of recorded archaeological sites and historic architectural properties that are included in the current SHPO databases. Because the majority of archaeological sites in the state and many historic architectural properties have not been recorded, important sites or structures may exist within the search area and may be affected by development projects within that area. Additional research, including field survey, may be necessary to adequately assess the area's potential to contain historic properties.

If you require a comprehensive assessment of a project's potential to impact archaeological sites or historic architectural properties, you may need to hire a qualified archaeologist and/or historian. If you need assistance with a project review, please contact Kelly Gragg-Johnson in Review and Compliance @ 651-259-3455 or by email at kelly.graggjohnson@mnhs.org.

The Minnesota SHPO Survey Manuals and Database Metadata and Contractor Lists can be found at <http://www.mnhs.org/shpo/survey/inventories.htm>

SHPO research hours are 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Tuesday-Friday.

The Office is closed on Mondays.

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From: Rothfork, Mark [mailto:mrothfork@hrgreen.com]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 8:43 AM
To: Cinadr, Thomas
Subject: Email

Thomas,

Here is my email address. Thank you.

~Mark

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History/Architecture Inventory

PROPERTY NAME	ADDRESS	Twp	Range	Sec	Quarters	USGS	Report	NRHP	CEF	DOE	Inventory Number
COUNTY: Nicollet											
CITY/TOWNSHIP: Lafayette Twp.											
school	off Co. Hwy. 8	111	30	17	SW-SW-SE	Lafayette					NL-LFT-006



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February 12, 2009

Mr. Mark Rothfork
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Re: **Correspondence # ERDB 20090479**-- Natural Heritage information in the vicinity of the proposed New Ulm Public Utilities Commission Wind Project, T111N R30W Section 17-20, Nicollet County

Dear Mr. Rothfork,

As requested, the Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System has been queried to determine if any rare species or other significant natural features are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the proposed project. Based on this query, there are no known occurrences of rare features in the area searched.

The Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS), a collection of databases that contains information about Minnesota's rare natural features, is maintained by the Division of Ecological Resources, Department of Natural Resources. The NHIS is continually updated as new information becomes available, and is the most complete source of data on Minnesota's rare or otherwise significant species, native plant communities, and other natural features. However, the NHIS is not an exhaustive inventory and thus does not represent all of the occurrences of rare features within the state. Therefore, ecologically significant features for which we have no records may exist within the project area.

Please be aware that this letter focuses only on potential effects to *rare natural features*; there may be other natural resource concerns associated with the proposed project. This letter does not constitute review or approval by the Department of Natural Resources as a whole.

An invoice in the amount of \$118.88 will be mailed to you under separate cover within two weeks of the date of this letter. You are being billed for the database search and printouts, and staff scientist review. Thank you for consulting us on this matter, and for your interest in preserving Minnesota's rare natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Heidi Cyr', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Heidi Cyr
Endangered Species Environmental Review Specialist

Rothfork, Mark

From: Knapp, Leslie
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 8:47 AM
To: Anderson, Keith
Cc: Rothfork, Mark
Subject: RE: New Ulm Public Utilities Wind Project

Thanks, we will handle it.

Leslie

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-----Original Message-----

From: Anderson, Keith [mailto:kanderson@hrgreen.com]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 8:49 AM
To: Knapp, Leslie
Subject: FW: New Ulm Public Utilities Wind Project

Leslie - FYI. I've told Ted to take no action on this, that you'll be following up as necessary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCaslin, Ted
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 8:08 AM
To: Anderson, Keith
Subject: FW: New Ulm Public Utilities Wind Project

Keith,

Rich Davis called Friday asking for Mark Rothfork in response to Mark's coordination letter to the FWS regarding the New Ulm wind turbine project. Rich asked me to send a quick email for him to respond to.

It appears there is no record or habitat for federally listed species in the area. Let me know if you want me to forward this to Terry Van de Walle at NRC, the species and avian/bat consultant on this project.

-Ted

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard_Davis@fws.gov [mailto:Richard_Davis@fws.gov]

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2009 3:44 PM
To: McCaslin, Ted
Subject: Re: New Ulm Public Utilities Wind Project

Hello Mr. McCaslin,

Our records indicate there are no federally listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat within the action area of the proposed project. If project plans change, additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available, or new species are listed that may be affected by the project, consultation should be reinitiated. This concludes section 7 consultation for proposed construction in Sections 17, 18, 19, and 20 of Lafayette Township, Nicollet County, Minnesota. Thank you for your cooperation in contacting our office with regard to the Endangered Species Act. If you have any further endangered species questions, please contact me at (612) 725-3548 x2214.

Thank you,
Rich Davis

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Rich,

Thank you for your call regarding the New Ulm Public Utilities wind energy project. We are requesting information federally listed species that may be impacted by the project.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Ted

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