

Letters of Support from Kandiyohi and Meeker Counties

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Resolution in Support of the Lake Country Wind Energy Project

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Minnesota to foster Community-Based Energy Development (C-BED) projects; and

WHEREAS, the state C-BED statute calls for County Board approval of C-BED projects – Minn. Stat. § 216B.1612, subd.2 (f) (3); and

WHEREAS, the development of utility-scale wind projects in Kandiyohi County provides economic opportunity for residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Country Wind Energy Project is proposed for development in Genessee, Harrison, Green Lake, and Irving townships in Kandiyohi County as well as Acton and Swede Grove townships in Meeker County; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Country Wind Energy Project will be owned by Lake Country Wind Energy, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company structured to ensure that a majority of the ownership and financial benefit of the project accrues to the local owners and landowners participating in the project; and

WHEREAS, this project calls for the development of up to 340 megawatts of wind energy to be produced by approximately 170 2.0 MW turbines; and

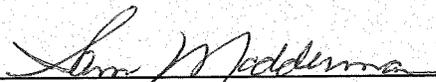
WHEREAS, the developers understand and accept responsibility for securing all necessary permits for development of wind turbines and towers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners hereby indicates its support for the development of the Lake Country Wind Energy Project as a C-BED project, subject to the authority of said County Board to grant or deny any applications for permits or licenses for said project as may be provided by state statute or local ordinances, rules or regulations.

Enacted by the Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of February, 2009.



Chair of Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners, Dennis Peterson



Attest: Kandiyohi County Auditor – Treasurer

The Meeker County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 17, 2009, at the Meeker County Courthouse, in the City of Litchfield, Minnesota. Call to order was at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Amy Wilde.

Present: Commissioners - Wally Strand, Amy Wilde, Dave Gabrielson, and Roney Kutzke, County Attorney Stephanie Beckman, County Auditor Barbara Loch, and County Administrator Paul Virnig. Absent – Commissioner Jim Swenson.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Gabrielson, seconded by Strand to approve agenda adding Zoning Fee Public Hearing scheduled for 10:30.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted “Yes”. Motion carried.

The following employees were recongnized for years of service:

Sharon Gorham – Social Service Account Tech – 5 years

Kevin Angier – Corrections Officer – 10 years

Neil Buboltz – Correctional Officer – 10 years

Motion by Gabrielson, seconded by Kutzke to approve recommendation of the Pay Equity Committee, for salary level on new positions of Corrections Corporal and Communications Specialist.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted “Yes”. Motion carried.

The board viewed a presentation from Lake Country Wind Energy.

Motion by Gabrielson, seconded by Kuzke to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Minnesota to foster Community-Based Energy Development (C-BED) projects; and

WHEREAS, the State C-BED statute (MN Stat. 216B.1612, Subd 2 (f) (3)) calls for County Board approval of C-BED projects; and

WHEREAS, the development of utility-scale wind projects in Meeker County provides economic opportunity for residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Country Wind Energy Project is proposed for development in Genessee, Harrison, Green Lake, and Irving townships in Kandiyohi County as well as Acton and Swede Grove townships in Meeker County; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Country Wind Energy Project will be owned by Lake Country Wind Energy, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company structured to ensure that a majority of the ownership and financial benefit of the project accrues to the local owners and landowners participation in the project; and

WHEREAS, this project calls for the development of up to 340 megawatts of wind energy to be produced by approximately 170 2.0 MW turbines; and

WHEREAS, the developers understand and accept responsibility for securing all necessary permits for development of wind turbines and towers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Meeker County Board of Commissioners hereby indicates its support for the development of the Lake Country Wind Energy Project as a C-BED project, subject to the authority of the Meeker County Board of Commissioners to grant or deny any applications for permits or licenses for said project as may be provided by MN State Statute or local ordinances, rules or regulations.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted “Yes”. Resolution declared adopted. #2009-11

It being 10:30 a.m. the board conducted a Public Hearing to set Zoning Fees. After hearing all comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Gabrielson, seconded by Kutzke to approve the permit fee schedule for the operating permit that is required per standards set forth by the MPCA for Type III, IV and V systems and holding tanks as follows:

- Type III, IV, V Systems Operating Permit and renewal fee to be completed every three years - \$150.00
- Holding Tank Operating Permit - \$150.00
- Holding Tank renewal fee to be completed every three years- \$75.00

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Motion by Wilde, seconded by Strand to approve full-time employment as a Deputy Sheriff for Sara Miller, effective March 29, 2009, at Level 9 Step A.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Motion by Gabrielson, seconded by Strand to approve the purchase of 23 dash mount mobile radio units, 6 portable radio units and site equipment from Motorola at a cost of \$50,061.96, sales tax not included.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Motion by Gabrielson, seconded by Strand to approve request to advertise for Communication Specialist position.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried

Motion by Gabrielson, seconded by Wilde to approve request to post internally Corrections Corporal position.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Motion by Strand, seconded by Kutzke to approve request to advertise for part-time deputies.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Motion by Gabrielson, seconded by Kutzke to approve request to obtain bids for fuel, weed spray and striping seasonal contracts.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Motion by Strand, seconded by Kutzke to approve request to advertise for seasonal engineering aids.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Motion by Gabrielson, seconded by Strand to grant permission to give a Highway Easement for CSAH 27 project on County owned property in Section 21 of Kingston Township.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Motion by Kutzke, seconded by Strand to re-appoint Joe Flanders to the Middle Fork Watershed Board for a three-year term, said term to expire April 27, 2012.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Motion by Gabrielson, seconded by Wilde to approve accounts payable as follows:

General Revenue Fund	\$100,689.38
Road & Bridge Fund	124,901.69
County Parks Fund	1,186.17
Solid Waste – Transfer Fund	6,557.73

County Nurse Fund	6,792.37
Family Service Bldg Fund	6,805.62
Capital Projects Fund	159.00
Debt Service Fund	431.25
Ditch Fund	46,911.27
County Hospital	1,510,703.10

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General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,330.63
Road & Bridge Fund	308.00
County Nurse Fund	1,789.83

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried

Motion by Strand, seconded by Kutzke to accept the resignation of Ron Johnson, HRA Board Member, effective March 24, 2009.

Commissioners Gabrielson, Strand, Kutzke and Wilde voted "Yes". Motion carried

With no further business, motion by Strand, seconded by Gabrielson, the board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting of the County Board will be on April 7, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Meeting Room, Meeker County Courthouse.