

Emmetsburg VFW
Emmetsburg, Iowa
October 5th, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met for the Public Hearing to review the wind turbine permit application submitted by Invenergy. Notice of the public hearing was published on September 26th, 2017, in the Emmetsburg Reporter; September 27th, 2017, in the Graettinger Times/Ruthven Zipcode; and September 28th, 2017 in the West Bend Journal.

Members present: Keith Wirtz, Chair; Ron Graettinger, Craig Merrill, Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg. Present: Peter Hart, County Attorney; Carmen Moser, Auditor; Joe Neary, Zoning; Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer; Lynn Schultes, County Sheriff.

Peter Hart, County Attorney, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with introductions. Peter introduced the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor. Peter introduced the following: Kevin Parzyck, VP Development Invenergy; Dr. Mark Roberts, Epidemiologists; Mike Hankard, Noise Specialists; Dr. Jeff Ellenbogen, MD Neurologist & Sleep Specialist; Nick Matchen, Lead Development Invenergy; Adam Jablonski; Mike Blazer, Invenergy; Mike Fehr, MidAmerican Energy; Brady Evans; JoAnn Blank; Daniel Birmingham; Michael MaRous, Real Estate Appraiser.

Public comments were received from the following: Wallace Taylor, Mike Blazer, Dale Opheim, Steve Mathis, Jeff Ellenbogen, Tom Stillman, Stewart Ohrtman, Janet Votteler, Michael MaRous, Lois Stillman, Kevin Parzyck, Dave Johansen, Jim Seasen, Mike Hankard, Pete Hamilton, Dennis Mandsager, Mark Roberts, Frank Veltri, Betty Sangel, Ken Kerber, Bob Sweeney, Heather Ford, Dave Nixon, Ned Callan, Bertha Mathis, Adam Jablonski, Deb Hite, Janna Swanson.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Supervisors gave consideration to approving the Palo Alto County Wind Energy Project application site plan and approval permit. Keith Wirtz spoke and asked if any of the supervisors had comments. Craig Merrill explained the time table in the Wind Energy Ordinance. The Board has 30 days after the public hearing to decide on the site plan review and approval permit. Linus Solberg spoke and asked questions of MidAmerican Energy regarding the construction. Mike Fehr from MidAmerican Energy answered the questions regarding construction contracts.

Keith Wirtz stated that the Board intends to make a decision in two weeks.

Peter Hart gave closing comments and thanked everyone for attending the public hearing.

Documents were received from the following: Wallace Taylor, Tom Stillman, Bertha Mathis, Michael MaRous, & Invenergy.

No action was taken by the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Keith Wirtz, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor