

VFW, 3205 Main Street
Emmetsburg, Iowa
May 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in a special session to conduct a public hearing. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ronald Graettinger. Present: Bill Hanigan, Attorney and Valerie Bandstra, Attorney, Hanigan Law Group, PLC as counsel to the Board of Supervisors. County Staff Present: Anne Quail, County Attorney; Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, Aletha King, Zoning, Rob Allen, Conservation; Carmen Moser, Auditor; Jordan Morey, Therese Geelan & Amanda Hansen, Auditor's Office.

Lost Island Wind Energy Project Representatives: Amanda James, Attorney; Shane Roche, Sean Bell, David Phillips, Joseph Gaon, Joe Anderson, Jackson Keith and Jade Scheele.

Craig Merrill, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Hanigan presented the procedures for the Public Hearing. The purpose of the meeting was for the Public Hearing and Comment on Site Plan Review and Approval Permit Application submitted by Lost Island Wind Energy, LLC. Public comments were accepted for the public hearing. Comments were limited to Palo Alto County property owners who signed up to make comments and were limited to a maximum of three minutes per person.

Amanda James, Attorney, introduced representatives of Lost Island Wind. Shane Roche from Lost Island Wind Energy gave a brief overview of the Lost Island Wind Energy Project. Shane Roche stated that there has not been any material change to the Lost Island Wind Project since the Application was accepted by the Board of Supervisors on May 6, 2024. Shane further stated that currently there are no plans to sell the Lost Island Wind Energy Project.

The following individuals gave public comment and/or asked questions of the Board of Supervisors. Albert Sheda, Leon Wojahn, Tim Busch, Tim Murphy, Phil Andreasen, Jim Neighbors, Mark Green, Tom Kenny, Debbie Kassel, Mike Sikora, Gary Koppie, Lynn Potter, Janice Morey, Karen Thu, Laura Winter, Carla Larson, Patty Rouse, Erin Schany, Mark J Anderson, Alea Spears-Hill, Gary Leonard, Mike Kendall, Dan Mills, Stephanie Parsons, Dean Gunderson.

Bill Hanigan stated that two letters were filed with the County Auditor to be included in the record provided by Philip & Therese Geelan, and Sharon Neighbors.

Laura Winter filed a bound document with the Board named "Let the People Speak No More Turbines".

Carla Larson filed a petition with the Board with signatures against the construction of all wind farm development in Palo Alto County.

At 8:15 p.m., Valerie Bandstra, Attorney for the Board of Supervisors, reviewed the questions asked at the public hearing. Craig Merrill and the Board answered questions directed to the Board. Shane Roche, Joe Anderson and Joseph Gaon answered questions directed to Lost Island. Amanda James answered questions directed to counsel for Lost Island.

Craig Merrill, Chair, gave closing remarks. Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to adjourn the public hearing at 8:37 p.m. Motion Carried.

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor