

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2016**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF DODGE)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2016-21 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole November 22, 2016, in the County Board Room at the Dodge County Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 4:30 p.m. CST. Chair Steven Gray opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. CST.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present:	John Allen	District #1
	Tim Tjosaas	District #2
	David Erickson	District #4
	Steven Gray	District #5
Members absent:	Rodney Peterson	District #3
Also present:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Becky Lubahn	Deputy Clerk

NextEra Energy Resources Community Development Leader Clay Cameron provided the Board with a NextEra Energy Resources project introduction.

NextEra Energy  
Resources Project  
Introduction

NextEra Energy Resources Associate Project Manager Jason Harris provided the Board with a project overview which included early stage development information and what their next steps would be.

Also in attendance were the following NextEra Energy Resources representatives:

- Tyler Wilhelm, Associate Project Manager
- Tom Vonbische, Land Services Supervisor
- Kimberly Dickie, Community Development Associate

Mr. Harris informed the Board their staff is from all over the United States, however their business is based out of Florida.

Tyler Wilhelm distributed a NextEra Energy Resources flier for the Board's review.

A question was raised as to how long NextEra Energy Resources has been in Dodge County.

Tom Vonbische reported NextEra Energy Resources has been working in Dodge County for three years.

It was clarified NextEra Energy Resources would not be a project that Planning and Zoning would be asked to permit; it will be handled via a PUC permit.

Environmental Services Director Mark Gamm was available to comment.

Commissioner Gray wanted to know the scope and scale of the project.

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Jason Harris indicated the project will run along the Dodge/Steele county line with Highway 14 and Highway 56 serving as boundaries.

Mr. Harris informed the Board they will be hosting an open house on Thursday, December 8, 2016 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Claremont American Legion, Claremont, MN.

Commissioner Erickson wanted to know the size of the project.

Mr. Harris stated the project will be a 200 MW farm.

A question was raised as to whether or not NextEra Energy Resources had any contracts in place.

Tom Vonbische reported they do have viable contracts with property owners in Dodge County.

County Attorney Paul Kiltinen arrived to the meeting at 4:42 CST.

County Attorney  
Arrived

Commissioner Gray wanted to know how many megawatts were projected.

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Mr. Wilhelm stated 2 MW per tower output is projected.

With the information provided Mr. Gray deducted that NextEra Energy Resources would be constructing 100 towers.

Mr. Cameron confirmed it was their intention to install 100 wind towers with this project.

Commissioner Gray wanted to know the anticipated time of construction.

Mr. Wilhelm reported the anticipated time of construction will be mid-2018.

Mr. Gray wanted to know when the project would go on-line.

Tyler Wilhelm stated the project would go on-line by the end of 2018.

Power collection and the transmission process were briefly discussed.

Discussion took place on how long NextEra Energy Resources has been installing towers. Mr. Cameron informed the Board he has been with NextEra Energy Resources for over eight years and the company has been successfully installing towers for almost 20 years.

Commissioner Gray suggested NextEra Energy Resources provide quarterly updates to the county and cities within Dodge County. Mr. Cameron was receptive to providing quarterly reports.

The Board thanked Mr. Cameron for the update.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m. CST.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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**STEVEN GRAY  
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD**

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**BECKY LUBAHN  
DEPUTY CLERK**

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