

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

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

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2017-04 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole February 28, 2017, in the County Board Room at the Dodge County Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 4:30 p.m. CST. Chair Tim Tjosaas opened the meeting at 4:33 p.m. CST.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present: John Allen District #1
 Tim Tjosaas District #2
 Rodney Peterson District #3
 Rhonda Toquam District #4
 David Kenworthy District #5

Members absent: None

Also present: Lisa Kramer Finance Director
 Becky Lubahn Deputy Clerk
 Paul Kiltinen County Attorney

Finance Director Lisa Kramer provided the Board with a quarterly Investment Committee update.

Investment
Committee Update

Ms. Kramer reviewed the current Certificate of Deposit listing and presented information on the M.A.G.I.C. Term Program and its use at Dodge.

The Board thanked Ms. Kramer for the update.

NextEra Associate Project Manager Jason Harris and Community Development Leader Kimberly Dickie met with the Board to provide them with a quarterly NextEra project update.

NextEra Quarterly
Update

Mr. Harris informed the Board the plan is to begin building wind towers next year in 2018. It was noted NextEra staff is still talking to local landowners. Mr. Harris reported it is NextEra's intention to submit a permit request to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in June.

Commissioner Tjosaas wanted to know what the reception from the land owners has been.

The Associate Project Manager reported the reception from the landowners has been pretty good, NextEra staff has already signed up 50% of the landowners needed for the project.

Discussion took place on the number of towers that will be built. Mr. Harris clarified that 89 wind towers is what they are planning for.

The following NextEra staff members were also present to answer questions: Lead Land Agent Thomas Mickel, Land Agents Sonya Harvey and Chris Hubbs.

Commissioner Peterson discussed with the NextEra staff the importance of having all of their paperwork completed and in order and commitments from the landowners before they apply for the permit.

NextEra Quarterly Update - Continued

The Board thanked the NextEra staff for the update.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m. CST.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

TIM TJOSAAS
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: