

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD ON THE BLAZING STAR WIND FARM 2 SITE PERMIT APPLICATION
 Issued: February 5, 2018

In the Matter of Site Permit Application for the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 in Lincoln County Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Docket Number: IP6985/WS-17-700

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018
 Time: 6pm
 Location: Hendricks Public School - Gym
 200 Lincoln Street
 Hendricks, MN 56136

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PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION
 The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the proposed project and the state's review process, and to accept verbal or written comments on potential issues for the draft site permit that will be prepared. The Commission, Department of Commerce (DOC), and Blazing Star 2 Wind staff members will be available to answer questions.

PROJECT BACKGROUND
 Blazing Star 2 Wind Farm, LLC (Blazing Star 2 or Applicant) has filed a site permit application with the Commission for an up to 200 megawatt large wind energy conversion system (LWECS). The proposed LWECS would be comprised of 57 to 100 wind turbines ranging from 2 to 3.5 megawatts in size and associated facilities that include a project substation, an operation and maintenance building, access roads, meteorological towers, light range or sonic range detecting units, collection and feeder lines, and a temporary laydown area. Associated with this facility, but not part of the wind site permit application, is an approximately 7-mile 115-kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL) and an approximately 1,000-foot, 345-kV HVTL. These facilities will be part

of a forthcoming HVTL Route Permit Application. The proposed LWECS project footprint would occupy approximately 57,800 acres of land located in Diamond Lake, Drammen, Ash Lake, Shaokatan, Royal, Hendricks, and Marble townships in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

SUBMIT COMMENTS
Comment Period: Initial comment period closes March 7, 2018 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes March 14, 2018 at 4:30pm

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- What potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project should be considered in the draft site permit?
- What are the possible methods to minimize, mitigate, or avoid potential impacts of the proposed project?
- Are there any unique characteristics of the proposed site or the project that should be considered?
- Are there any items missing or mischaracterized in the site permit application?
- Are there other project related issues or concerns?

Comments may be submitted via:

Online: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment

Email: Louise.Miltich@state.mn.us

U.S. Mail: Louise Miltich, Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101

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Fax: 651-539-0109

Important Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's and the Department of Commerce's websites, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

Please use the Commission's docket numbers in all correspondence. Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

PROCESS INFORMATION
 The controlling statute and rules for the wind site permit process are found in Minn. Stat. § 216F and Minn. Rule Chapter 7854.

HOW TO LEARN MORE
 Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select Search eDockets, enter the year (17) and the docket number (700), select Search.

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Selected Documents: Selected documents have been compiled by EERA staff and can be found at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?id=34757>

PROJECT CONTACTS

Public Utilities Commission
 Tricia DeBleekere, Commission Staff, at Tricia.DeBleekere@state.mn.us or 651-201-2254

Charley Bruce, Commission Public Utility Advisor, at Charley.Bruce@state.mn.us or 651-201-2251

Department of Commerce
 Louise Miltich, Environmental Review Manager, at Louise.Miltich@state.mn.us or 651-539-1853

Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC / Geronimo Energy
 Patrick Smith, Project Manager, at patrick@geronimo.com or 952-988-9000

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 Email: docketing.puc@state.mn.us or call Jamie Eschbach at 651-201-2204.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMARY OF LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD MINUTES FOR JANUARY 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Mic VanDeVere, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Joe Drietz, Corey Sik, Jack Vizecky, and Mic VanDeVere. Absent was Commissioner Richard Hamer. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor, Deb Vierhuf and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

MSP to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from January 2, 2018, and the agenda for January 16, 2018.

MSP to approve Policy P8 Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing as presented.

MSP to approve the Auto Cad training with an in-house trainer for \$6,400.00 and to extend a cost share training invitation to neighboring counties and other individuals that could use the training.

MSP to purchase a 2013 Side Dump Trailer for the Highway Department at a cost of \$44,500.00 plus tax, license and any other corresponding fees.

MSP to approve Resolution 09-2018 Corridors of Commerce.

MSP to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #6612 - #6674 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$100,741.57, Road & Bridge - \$39,373.79, Ditch - \$18,912.50, and Lake Improvement District - \$1,339.00.

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The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Assn of MN Counties - \$5,919.00, Computer Prof Unlimited Inc. - \$5,112.00, Diamond Mowers Inc. - \$9,870.00, Hendricks Farmers Lumber Co. - \$2,599.28, Kirkvold Oil Co. - \$2,655.00, Lyon Co Auditor-Treasurer - \$22,384.51, MN Dept. of Corrections - \$16,224.22, MN Dept. of Transportation - St. Paul - \$3,956.06, MN Sheriffs' Assn - \$3,715.00, Prairie Pride Cooperative - \$12,712.29, Safe Assure Consultants Inc. - \$5,434.45, Joseph W. Savage - \$7,920.00, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$20,199.00, Waste Management of WI-MN - \$18,166.61, and 48 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$23,499.44.

MSP to approve the Agreement for Consulting Services with Hildi, Inc. for actuarial valuation required by GASB 75 for January 1, 2018 at a cost of \$1,900 for fiscal year 2018 and approximately \$500 - \$800 for additional disclosures in 2019.

MSP to amend the motion from May 16, 2017 to transfer any excess over \$300,000 from the assigned health insurance pool account to general revenue on an annual basis starting with the 2017 year-end and continuing on until changed through Board action.

MSP to adjourn at 11:17 a.m.

FULL TEXT ON FILE AT THE AUDITORS' OFFICE, IVANHOE, MN, OR THE WEBSITE AT www.lincolncounty-mn.us

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA YELLOW MEDICINE RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR LINCOLN COUNTY DITCH 38

NOTICE for FINAL ACCEPTANCE HEARING

The matter of the petition of Hausechid, Jerzak and others for the improvement of Lincoln County Ditch 38;

And The matter of the determinations of benefits for Lincoln County Ditch 38

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Board of Managers, Drainage Authority for Lincoln County Ditch 38 of the will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on February 12, 2018 at the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Office, 122 N. Jefferson, Minnetonka, MN 56246. The purpose of the hearing is to review the engineer's report to the drainage authority pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.555 showing that the contract to construct Lincoln County Ditch 38 is complete. The engineer's report has been filed with the drainage authority and is available for public inspection. Any party objecting to the acceptance of the contract may appear at the hearing and be heard. Written comments will be accepted at the hearing and by mail through the date of the hearing at the Watershed District mailing address.

/s/ Michelle Overholser
 Michelle Overholser, Administrator
 Dated: January 16, 2018

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