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Good afternoon Jacques and Jim,

Thank you both again for having the meeting Monday night in Glenville. We appreciate it. It was great to give our residents the opportunity to attend.

The Shell Rock Township board at its regular meeting Tuesday passed a resolution regarding the location of the Midwater BESS. Would you please post this on your website in the comment section? It is Docket number ESS-24-294 and TL-24-295.

Thank you for this and thanks again for the meeting Monday evening.

Best regards,
Tim Kaasa
Shell Rock Township Clerk

Resolution # 2025-04-08-1

Shell Rock Township, Freeborn County, Minnesota

Board Resolution Against Midwater BESS System Location

WHEREAS

The Board of Shell Rock Township recognizes the importance of preserving the environmental integrity and maintaining the quality of life within Shell Rock Township.

WHEREAS

The proposed Midwater Battery Energy Storage System in Shell Rock Township presents potential risks that could adversely affect our environment and community.

WHEREAS

The construction and operation of this BESS system pose significant threats including, but not limited to:

- Environmental contamination due to potential chemical leaks and hazardous material spills.
- Disruption of local wildlife habitats and biodiversity.
- River and soil contamination possibilities, impacting water quality.
- Aquifer contamination possibilities, compromising the safety of drinking water sources.
- Noise pollution resulting from the operation of the BESS system, affecting the serenity and well-being of residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The Shell Rock Township board hereby expresses its firm opposition to the establishment of the BESS system in Shell Rock Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The Board urges all relevant authorities and stakeholders to consider these significant environmental and community impacts and seek alternative solutions that do not jeopardize the health and safety of our township.

Adopted this 8th day of 2025

By: Michael Hansen Board Chair Michael Hansen
Monty Thoms Board Vice Chair Monty Thoms
Kelly Ellingson Township Supervisor Kelly Ellingson
Witnessed by: Timothy Kaasa Clerk Timothy Kaasa