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February 27, 2020

Sir or Madam,

I'm writing this after attending the February 20, 2020 public meeting. (The projector had projected the left side, off the screen, so no one could not see or read the complete presentation on screen. And they had run out of the individual paper booklet copies.) Once again, I had just a few actual answers to many very important questions or comments. I, and others, would like to know the actual true facts and see accurate true figures and maps. Some of the informational studies that Scout Clean Energy had presented were not even true or accurate; as some were mentioned at the public meeting that night. **How can anyone make a decision on granting a permit when you don't have the actual true facts and figures for information and /or have misleading information, on the project?**

When exiting the public meeting, a nature environmentalist (Westwood) that did work for Scout Clean Energy walked over to a couple of us and mentioned in his conversation that it was okay to "slaughter the bats" & "kill a few eagles". I, being a farmer living in the project area, need bats, and we do have some large bat colonies in our project area. A lot of bat colonies have been affected by the White-Nose Syndrome (WNS), & have destroyed many of the bat population. The wind turbines also affect the bats that fly within their wind buffer, as their lungs erupt or explode from the air force. Those bats fly many miles every evening across our land. They seed & reseed for us, especially in needed areas we physically aren't able to get to. They help with our pollination & they eat an overabundance amount of insects that can destroy our crops. Because of those bats, we are able to use lesser pesticides on our land, which in turn affects our fields & streams. We have **10 protected waters** and **14 shoreland natural environment waters** in Sioux Valley Township alone, that need to be protected, and if we end up with fewer bats, we'll have to use more pesticides. So then, what happens to those waters?

It was also mentioned to us, at that same time when we were exiting the public meeting and talking to the nature environmentalist (Westwood), that the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee is endangered but there aren't any of those in the project area; well, I personally have seen them in our pastures & grasslands along Skunk Creek. So, I question that study also. (The protected boundary area is **not** protecting all of our protected waters that are in the project area.)

Also, those waters should be protected from infrasound from wind turbines being constructed & when operating, as the ecosystem is a very important factor for our futures. Studies show that our ecosystem may be in serious danger by 2050 if not protected.

The **FAA Rules & Regulations guidelines should be enforced**, as we have areas that only a plane is capable of doing the job. Planes are needed to spray certain areas because of the lay of land, the precipitation amounts received, the height limitations, the entanglement, maturity of the crops, or the small time frame to have the job done in. Wind turbine placements & sizes are very important to a pilot. **Turbines can cause a circular vortex that can roll a plane and increase crosswind speeds posing a danger to aircraft.** A nonparticipating landowner should not have to wonder if a plane or pilot is not safe or able to do the job adequately because of enormous wind turbine(s).

We rely on GPS systems for farming also, and when switching between satellites; it takes some time to connect to another satellite & the accuracy is usually always off.

Losing signals when planting or spraying, could cost the farmer immensely.

Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISP) is a "lifeline" in our area. We use it for our computers, printers & our "so called land line" Magic Jack, which may be used for Medic alert & for a "home phone" if children would be home alone. (Some Providers are not available in our area & others are too expensive for some residents.)

Tv Antenna (air) Most are pointed towards Jackson MN, Sioux Falls SD, or Sioux City IA towers to receive television local news & public channels stations.

Tv dishes (Satellite) Shouldn't all non-signed residents be contacted to make sure there would be no wind turbines blocking or interfering with their receiver's signals.

In fact, shouldn't all of these telecommunications be confirmed with each & every residence **before** a permit is granted and **before** a wind turbine is constructed.

Shouldn't all electric lines & cables be the same distance as a wind turbine from any nonparticipating landowner's boundary; as some landowners share boundaries that have tile, tile outlets, tile inlets, trees (if tree roots need to be extracted) or surfacing boulder rock that may need to be excavated.

Also, some nonparticipating landowners have tile that hooks onto or goes through a participating landowners land (downward); if there are any problems with the drainage (upland) and crop damage or losses (whether planted or not planted, or not harvested), or soil damage occurs (or unable to do their tillage). Who pays for the crop loss or damages? Is a nonparticipating landowner guaranteed compensated (either by the wind turbine company or the state of Minnesota) and within a certain time frame (90 days) and without any expenses to the nonparticipating landowner?

The **Sioux Valley Township Cemetery** was not mentioned or marked out on any of Scout Clean Energy documents or maps that they presented to the Minnesota PUC for their permit. In fact, there were no cemeteries mentioned or marked in or near the project area. I, and others, feel this is our oldest and most sacred historical landmarks we have; besides early settlers, there are Civil War Veterans buried within. We have some very old and fragile gravestones that need to be protected from any vibrations, including when wind turbine parts and machines and/or equipment are being transferred by the cemetery, and when the wind turbines are being constructed and operating. Some of those gravestones are very expensive and some are irreplaceable, so there should be a very strict setback from all cemeteries, as vibrations over time could do damage to tiered gravestones, also. I feel at least a one mile setback would hopefully be adequate at this time, for this project.

The **safety of the people**, whether participating or nonparticipating, should be the first and foremost importance of this project. I feel that with this project having such huge wind turbines involved, the setbacks should be set accordingly for their structure & largest (possibly future) blade size, their noise, any ice throwing or falling problems, or mechanical problems. And any and all setbacks should be enforced and with no exceptions. The setbacks on all road right-of-ways should be height of the structure plus one blade, to protect all the people; whether a vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle, atv, utv or snowmobile. (Some of those transportations are not "bodily" covered from elements.) We are the people that live here and travel these roads the most (and/or ditches), so **shouldn't are safety be first**. The County & Townships should be the ones dictating and enforcing those setbacks, not Scout Clean Energy!

Why do we have rules, regulations, or ordinances; if they're not made to be followed?

(I have to follow all the rules & regulations!)

Whose job is it to protect us?

There seems to be a lot of inaccurate and/or unthorough information in the permit request documents that Scout Clean Energy submitted. So how is it possible to make a decision to grant a permit on that information?

American Agricultural Farmer that resides in Sioux Valley Township,

Diane Fisher