

To whom it may concern:

I am adamantly against Data Center, Solar Farm and the BESS!!!!!!

My husband Paul was born and raised in a 3rd generation farming family in Reading MN. He loved farming and the community of Reading. He was as involved in the community as much as he could be. Reading First Responder, Summit Lake Township member and Chairman for years, operated the snow plow for the Township, drove bus for Reading Bus Line and would give you the shirt off his back if he had to.

We lived in the Village of Reading after we were married for 5 years, we then bought an acreage NW of Reading and raised 3 beautiful daughters and enjoyed the country life.,

5/31/2023 at the age of 60 Paul died in a farming accident and our lives have been forever changed.

Our youngest daughter and her husband made the life changing decision and uprooted their young family leaving their good paying jobs to relocate back to the Reading area to FARM.

We called to inquire about a building permit for them to build a house on the acreage where our daughter grew up on, with that house still there with me living there, and We were told "NO" Nobles County is a preservation County for AGRICULTURE! We did pursue this for a while then the kids decided to find their own acreage and luckily, they did. So I am so frustrated that the Data Center Solar Farm Bess are even a possibility.....

I was incredibly happy that the Zoning and Planning Committee voted no to the Data Center and I pray that it will continue to be turned down at every corner...

The Solar farm and Bess should also be turned down. All the good farmland that Geronimo Power wants for this is unacceptable. These should be constructed in the middle of nowhere, not around people's homes!!!!!!!!

It is like everyone is trying to wipe the Village of Reading and the surrounding farms off the map.

After attending the Solar Farm meeting and the Data Center meeting last week, I told myself "The good Lord called Paul home early so he would not have to see what is going to happen the farmland and community he was born raised and died in.

Shame on Geronimo Power for dangling all that money in front of everybody, all the money in the world will never bring my husband back to me. Geronimo Power needs to be told NO!!!!

Sincerely, Deb Rogers

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