

Dewitt County Board Meeting  
April 25, 2019  
5:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chairman Newberg.

Roll was answered by: Pruser, Redman Reece, Tilley, Wickenhauser, Ennis, Ferguson, Houser, Matthews, Newberg, Nimmo. Ritter arrived at 5:47pm.

To Dana Smith

You are hereby directed to call a meeting of the Dewitt County Board. The purpose of said meeting is to conduct the business of the County.

Don Waddell spoke to the board on issues with the windfarm as to the noaa weather station.

Phil Luetkehans attorney for non -participating landowners stated the application did not meet the six factors involved.

Joe Witte felt shadow flicker was not stated in full at the hearing.

Teri Wilson is in the foot print of the farm. Her home will be surrounded by seven turbines. She feels her property will be impacted negatively.

Chris Shaffer spoke to the board on the issues of the windfarm in her area.

Andrea Rhoades Spoke out in opposition to the permit requested by Tradewinds. Sub station lines, proposed turbine location, This permit should not be approved.

Mariah Anderson runs a business out in the county, many people visit the farm between May to October and she feels her agri tourism business will be negatively impacted by the windfarm.

Gail Nunnery lives in Barnett township and if the permit is granted her home will be surrounded by eight turbines.

Tom Swierczewski Alta Farms II Special use permit should be granted as clean renewable energy.

Jane Anne Thomas spoke to the board in support of the wind farm. It is time to make a decision on the permit.

Tim Ryan urged the board to pass the permit for the jobs.

Becky Fatheree spoke to the board as a landowner that supports the wind energy. Pass the permit. This will generate income for some land owners.

Motion by Reece second by Pruser to approve S-246-2018 Alta Farms wind Project II LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tradewind energy, Inc. Tradewind is requesting to construct and operate a state of the art wind energy conversion system and wind energy system facility that consists of approximately 67 individual wind turbines of one or more wind turbine models no taller than 591 feet total tower height. Alta Farms Wind Project II LLC Farm project is situated over approximately 12,202.81 acres within Barnett, Wapella, and Clintonia Township.

Motion by Ferguson second by Ennis to amend motion with the following 9 conditions.

Alta Farms shall model shadow flicker based on the Final Site Plan, and if a nonparticipating residence existing at the time of the SUP application submission would receive more than 15 hours a year of Shadow flicker as a result of the final project configuration, Alta Farms shall implement a mitigation and / or curtailment strategy to reduce shadow flicker to 15 hours or less within a calendar year.

Alta Farms shall model shadow flicker based on the Final Site Plan, and if a participation residence existing at the tome of the SUP application submission would receive more than 30 hours of expected shadow flicker as a result of the final project configuration, Alta Farms shall implement a mitigation and /or curtailment strategy to reduce the shadow flicker to 30 hours or less within a calendar year.

Alta Farms shall identify local aerial pesticide and fertilizer applicators through the Illinois Aerial Applicators Association and contact them to propose, review, discuss, and establish mitigation strategies for aerial application son properties within ½ mile of an approved wind turbine.

Alta Farms shall comply with the Illinois Drainage Code 70 ILCS 605/1 et seq., to obtain all necessary consents or approvals from the various Drainage Dist. in which the facilities are constructed. Alta Farms will be responsible to make repairs to any drainage tile or structure that is damaged during construction or maintenance of Alta Farms facilities for the life of the project.

Alta Farms shall select and submit to the FAA a request to use an Aircraft Detection Lighting System (ADLS) from Terma, Decect, or Vestas, All necessary ADLS components are approved to be sited on any Participating property in compliance with the Dewitt County Code of Ordinance. Alta Farms will provide proof of this application for the ADLS to the FAA before the application for Building Permits for the facility are made to the county.

Alta Farms shall provide the County the FAA approval of the required ADLS prior to the installation of any wind turbine tower sections. Alta Farms shall install ADLS and ensure it is operational prior to the Notice of Commercial Sale, Once installed, Alta Farms shall operate ADLS continuously of the life of the Project except for standard maintenance, emergency situations, or any changes in FAA regulations.

Alta Farms shall enter into a Decommissioning Agreement with the County prior to issuance of the first Building permit for the project The Decommissioning Agreement shall be consistent with the DeWitt County Code of Ordinances. The Agricultural impact Mitigation agreement will be considered as the minimum standard for the Decommissioning Agreement.

Wind turbines used for the project shall be between 2 and 4.2 MW in individual name plate capacity, shall not exceed 591 feet in tip height and shall be manufactured by GE, VESTAS, Acciona-Nordex, and /or Siemens Gamesa.

Alta Farms shall implement the full recommendations of the IDNR letter dated May 11, 2018 regarding the Alta Farms Wind Project and as committed to by Alta Farms Wind Project II, LLC's letter response the IDNR dated June 4, 4018. Regarding IDNR recommendation #3, it is noted that over the life of the project advances in technology, science, species behavior, etc. May result in different recommendations and /or better alternatives for bat conservation if such circumstances arise and are mutually agreed upon by both Alta Farms and IDNR, modified bat conservation measures may be implemented.

Vote taken on Motion to amend: Aye: Pruser, Redman, Reece, Wickenhauser, Ferguson, Newberg, Nimmo. Nay: Tilley, Ennis, Houser, Matthews. Abstain: Ritter. Motion carried

Vote taken on the original motion as amended: Aye: Pruser, Redman, Reece, Wickenhauser, Newberg, Nimmo. Nay: Tilley, Ennis, Ferguson, Houser, Matthews. Abstain: Ritter. Motion Failed.

Motion by Tilley second by Houser to adjourn at 6:50pm. With all in favor.