

**TOWN OF MARSHFIELD  
FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
Minutes of Wind Turbine Standing Committee, November 12, 2009 at 7:00 pm**

Presiding Officer, John Bord, called the meeting to order. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Confirmation of publication was noted. Committee members, John Bord and Cathy Seibel were present from the Town Board. Town Officers Dennis Stenz and Ken Kraus were also present. 'Concerned Citizens' were represented by Jim Mueller and Richard VanderVelde. Larry Lamont and John Gierach were absent. We Energies representatives were Tanya Holler-Muench and Mark Noah and Bob Servias, We Energies technician, was also present. Bruce Dalka was present to address his concerns. There were approximately 24 members from the public, 8 from the Town of Marshfield.

**Comments by Chairman Bord:**

Comments from the public will be limited to 3 minutes each. The Wind Turbines are here to stay. They will not be shut off. Noise and property values will not be addressed. Bruce Dalka disagreed that "John Bord is limiting what people say and limiting time". Cathy stated some of these things are out of our control. This committee cannot change the JDA.

John Bord read an e-mail he received from Project Manager, Walter (Doc) Musekamp. Doc states, "We have a significant issue...that based on the testimony of Larry Lamont and Jim Mueller at Wednesday nights PSCW hearing...; it is clear from their comments that these monitoring committee meetings over the last four months have had no value in their opinion. I couldn't get into the room because of the crowd, but Tanya was". John stated he had no problems with people speaking their opinions. According to another source, not We Energies, "You did a pretty good job of ripping on We Energies". Tanya related she did not have problems with people stating their opinions, but "it seems the efforts we have taken up the last four months, seem to not make any difference." Jim replied, "I DID acknowledge that you were working on the satellite. I DID acknowledge that you were going to extend the contract on the family plan. You did not tell us how long. There are so many people that don't even want to come here any more because they have been beaten around so much that they have given up. They are not going to bother because it falls on deaf ears. There are still a lot more people out there than you know of."

**Discussions regarding wind Turbine 'Concerned Citizens Form'-Bruce Dalka:**

Bruce is still having TV reception problems. We Energies has contracted Ransom's Audio Video to address the situation. Bruce notes that Dave Ransom is not reliable and is not allowed on his property. DISH Network has been called. Bruce related that DISH stated there is absolutely nothing wrong with his system. Yet, DISH has told Tanya, that the Turbines are not causing Bruce's TV problems. Tanya asked, "What would like us to do?" "My problem is other people are getting paid for it. I'm not. My problem is, you know what, I could probably live with a glitch, now and again, ...pay something." Cathy related that she was having DISH problems and had a technician out. He did some adjusting. The problem was better but not completely resolved. Per agreement of all parties, Bruce will contact Randy Wagner, a technician from St. Cloud, who along with Bob Servias will meet at Bruce's house to assess the situation and resolved the problems.

Bruce has concerns with radio reception. Jim Mueller reported that the Sirius radio provided to Jim Vollmer and Joe Bauer may be an option for Bruce also. Jim noted that Joe Bauer is satisfied with the satellite radio. Jim Vollmer states he still has some

interference. It was agreed to wait until the two parties are satisfied with Sirius radio, then set some guidelines for going further before providing other residents with the Sirius system as a solution.

Regarding noise, Bruce is asking for an independent noise study and asks that the Town contact Fond du Lac Co. Bruce noted that “whistling and screaming” was evident at one of the towers near him and that the problem had not been resolved for several months. Since then, that problem has been resolved. Dennis asked Mark Noah to comment on the incident about the ‘whistling’ turbine in question. An abnormal sound was noted by residents and verified by repair technicians. The tower was shut down, a crane brought in and the turbine fixed. The sound level is now at an acceptable level. Jim Mueller would like to see such issues addressed on a timelier basis. Mark noted, “It is not in our interest to have the turbines not working.”

Bruce noted there is health issues associated with the turbines. Bruce requested the Town Board to contact FdL Co Health Nurse, Diane Copazzio, to provide a health study. Tanya related that We Energies has just went through a very lengthy, technical hearing in Madison, regarding FdL Co.; the epidemiology research and noise and everything that goes along with that as well. It has gone through the State and it is on the record.

Regarding safety issues, Bruce stated, “Three days and nights the wind turbines were shut down, the lights were not on.” Mark stated there was an incident at the substation. We Energies has an FAA permit which tells them which turbines need lighting and what type of light. If there is a problem, we need to send a notice to FAA that there is a problem. Then that notification goes out to all airports. Bruce stated, “That wasn’t done though.” Mark replied, “Yes it was.” Tanya, “We filed the FAA report.” Bruce received a letter from the FAA stating that the report is on their website. However, the letter did not say FAA did not receive the report as alleged.

Bruce also has concerns about the diminishing bat population, ice slings, shadow flicker, declining property values. He states ‘Flight For Life, (FFL) will not land in the wind farm area. Cathy replied that she has contacted FFL. They stated they have predetermined landing sites and these sites were determined before the turbines were erected. They will not disclose these sites. Bruce wants the Town to contact FFL and demand they reveal the location of these landing sites. It was suggested that Bruce contact the ambulance service so his unique family medical issues are on file if needed. Mt. Calvary Ambulance Service Director was present and she reported that FFL will land as long as the weather is working with them.

### **Public Comments:**

Liz Ebertz’s reported that noise in the middle of the night is like a jet that is circling and will not land. Her son has noticed this also. “So it’s not just me.”

Jim Vollmer continues to have problems with his new wide-screen HDTV. Tanya stated they will continue to document and pursue a solution.

A Town of Empire resident stated that these problems are not problems in Marshfield Township alone.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Jim Mueller moved to adjourn and Denis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Connie Pickart, Recording Secretary