

**TOWN OF MARSHFIELD  
FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**Minutes of Wind Turbine Standing Committee, August 20, 2009, 7:00 pm**

Presiding officer, John Bord called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Confirmation of publication is noted. Those representing the Town of Marshfield were John Bord, Cathy Seibel, Dennis Stenz; Concerned Citizens representatives include Larry Lamont, James Mueller, John Gierach, and Dick VanderVelde (tardy). Others present: Tanya Holler-Muench, and Mark Noah representing We Energies and Sue Schumacher, a biologist, to present information relating to the avian studies. Also present was Jim Vollmer and Joe Bauer (tardy).

Jim Vollmer filed a 'Concerned Citizen Form' and expressed his concerns: "Radio Reception, TV Reception, Flicker, Birds dying, Noise and extra cost of electric". He has contacted We Energies about these issues and states that We Energy has not made efforts to resolve these concerns.

Jim Vollmer stated that his problems are not adequately addressed. He still has issues with TV and radio reception. He is not able to receive his usual radio station and even though he purchased a new TV, it does not work all the time. The flickering is disrupting his sleep. Blinds have been installed by We Energy.

Jim raises chickens. He states the birds are showing signs of stress. He has asked that stray voltage to be tested. No one came. Some birds have gotten Coccidiosis and have died. When sick birds were transferred to another environment away from the towers, they recovered. The noise from the towers is very annoying especially when trying to sleep. He cannot open windows because of the sound and is forced to use the air conditioner.

Jim stated the solution to his problems is for We Energies to buy his property, "There is no other way out for me." Tanya stated, "We cannot buy property". She related that issues have been addressed. Dish network has been installed and working until Jim purchased a "top of the line Sony TV". We have tried several different radios that are working for other residents. 13 window blinds have been installed. We do not know that the birds are dying because of the towers. We can get a stray voltage meter and consult with an agricultural specialist. We Energies can enlist the expertise of technicians.

Before the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting, We Energies will:

1. Test for stray voltage (Jason)
2. Consult with a Farm Management Representative regarding the chickens
3. Consult directly with a Dish Network technician regarding the TV issue including bring in a different TV set to test
4. Check further on the radio issues. Larry Lamont will also check his radio to see if he has the capability of the station WIXX
5. Consult with experts regarding insulation for noise as suggested by Dick VanderVelde.

Biologist, Sue Schumacher presented an interesting talk about avian studies.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Marshfield Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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