

Mr. Kelly,

I am sorry if I offended you, but I have been accused several times over the last month of trying to “slide this ordinance under the table”. As I said at the meeting, in April it will be 4 years in the making; and I have continued to post updated versions on the website, as well as have printed copies in my office and the Auditor’s Office for review.

My experience prior to this position was primarily writing state law, so you are correct; you probably have read or written more ordinances than I have. You are also correct, I do take this personal; as I am a resident of Davison County as well. However, I have not and will not take a side. My job as the Zoning Administrator is to present options to the Planning Commission, based on fact. The fact is several surrounding counties have ordinances with a setback of 1,000 feet. It is the Planning Commission and eventually the County Commission’s decision to decide what is in the best interests of Davison County.

If you feel you have the expertise to write a wind energy ordinance, I would be more than willing to listen. However, the proposal would need to be fact based and researched on ordinances in close proximity to Davison County. Several sent to us are from states on the coast, which are easy to use if you are against wind energy. I would suggest starting with Aurora County and Bon Homme County, due to the close distance their projects are to Davison County. How did they come up with their setbacks? Are they happy with the end result? Has property value decreased since construction? How many people have become sick since the towers went up? Has there been a negative effect on the animal population?

Criticizing how I do my job is personal. Mark and I are the only employees in the Planning & Zoning, Emergency Management, Floodplain, Drainage, Geographic Information System, and 911 Addressing Department. Having 6 departments staffed by 2 people can be bit overwhelming. We cannot dedicate our entire schedule to researching wind energy systems.

Having a one mile setback in Davison County is not realistic (see attached map). This leaves a sliver here and a sliver there to install a tower. So, if you would like a 1 mile setback; save your time researching anything and make a recommendation to move Wind Energy Systems from the Conditional Use section to the Prohibited Use section.

Thank you for your input,



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