

Additional Comments

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Depreciation of land values, odor. If this project is so good he should put it by his place in Brown County. Who knows what the future will hold for our properties. We don't need outside investors that don't care about our roads, lands & future generations exploiting our resources. GO CHECK OUT OTHER LARGE 40,000 HEAD FEED LOTS BEFORE APPROVING THIS PROJECT. Also check out his partners reputation.

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I have read numerous studies that show this will negatively impact the area in various ways. Progress comes at a price- this price may very well be too high.

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This project will cause crime to rise, property values to decrease, will damage our roads, and lead to the economic destruction of our town. Pollution will increase and health impacts will be prevalent.

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How statistically reliable is this survey?

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Property within a three-mile radius of a CAFO experiences 6.6% loss in property valuations. Within one-tenth of a mile of a CAFO property values can drop as much as 88%. The value of homes is even more sharply affected by proximity to a CAFO. (North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (1999:46); Seipel et al. 1998)

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Maybe the Mungers should have done more business locally before hand before they decided to lie and say they will in the future. They are a bunch of liars that like spending other peoples hard earned money. They can't even operate their feed efficiency grow safe system accurate now.

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Even the thousands of buffalo that roamed the plains did exactly that, they roamed the plains. The buffalo had more common sense than we do... Just because we can build it doesn't make it right!

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Not enough feed

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I am concerned about the health of my family. I don't want potentially uncontrolled dust and a "fecal fog" to impact our health and air quality.

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I personally am not completely against...nor completely for this project. I feel that there are possibilities of affecting ground water and road ways. However, having the impact on our County for the income and tax

revenue is very appealing. I guess personally I would rather see 50 1,000 head operations at local family farms and bring back the children and their families to the local farms.

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It would be a shame if we didn't allow this. We need growth no decline.

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I'm not a fan of large-scale beef or dairy production.

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If our community fails to grow main street and the rest of the community will die. Look around

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There is a large feedlot in eastern Spink County...ask that neighborhood about the impact it has had

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I think it would be nice to have more oppertunites to have more population in hand county. I think it is a great idea. I hope it goes through

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Question #4 implies that I want any feedlots...I do not believe that confinements the way to raise our food supply...

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I dont believe a feedlot will help any of our communities. I believe it will do more harm then good according to all the research I have read!!

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First off, I would like to know if there is another public meeting, I would like to be there. I have a fascination of agriculture economics and I am in support of the feedlot. However, in the support column, Agriculture growth is irrelevant in this case. Yes, the feed and corn may be produced in Hand County. However, the animals that are going to be fed the silage, forage, and corn will most likely come from parts outside of the area. Much of Hand County has started to turn to row crop production and not livestock. When the animals are at a slaughter weight, they will be shipped out of the county to be either sold or slaughtered, because of this fact very little agriculture growth will occur. It will look like the county output has increase, but with no markets to sell or slaughter the animals we are not able to capture the major benefits of the feedlot. Hand County will see more dollars come to it. However, as stated earlier, since the animals will likely not be bought locally and cannot be slaughter locally, the economic multiplier from the feedlot will minimal. Hand County may see a slight increase in corn prices. However, with a train going through Hand County it would not be hard to buy the grain cheaper elsewhere and have it shipped in. The grain markets are very diverse and it would be relatively easy to pull this feat off. I have a problem with thinking there will be a change in economic growth. We may have more money in the County, but growth I do not think will change at all, unless citizen of Hand County are invested into the project. Therefore, I feel that these two questions should be analyzed with much skepticism because they are misleading. I understand why you constructed the survey as it was. It was easy and cheap. Finally, I think in the long run, the benefit of the feedlot would outweigh the cost. We need to create an environment for young people to come back to the Area. The population of Hand County has drop over 6000 people in the past 80 (US census-county level data). The trend will likely continue as people

migrate to other area in search of employment. We need to do something to help combat this loss of population. I am looking forward to seeing the final decision of the project.

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It will stimulate, I hope, better wages for paycheck type employees in the county, which will stimulate spending, which will stimulate the economy.

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Would rather see several smaller feedlots dispersed across the county instead of one large feedlot

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The community that would surround this feedlot rely on well water to survive. I do not believe the people in charge of this project will follow or abide all regulations for a feedlot of this capacity. They will do the least amount of work for the biggest payoff. As long as they get approved for this project, I believe they will try to cut any corner possible to save a buck. One of the men involved in this project was highly involved with the beef processing plant in Aberdeen, SD. Look at how that plant is fairing now... I love my small town of Ree Heights. We enjoy the outdoors in this community. We don't want it to smell of sewage from 50,000 cattle, plus the health problems that are associated with feedlots of this size. Also, a creek runs through the middle of this projected feedlot. Several times a year, this location is known to get +3 inches of rain in a very small amount of time, causing flooding. How are they going to prevent the runoff? Hence, again, threatening our ground water and local ponds and lakes. I do not believe the feedlot operators will offer competitive wages for local help. Overall, I think there are too many hazards involved to take the risk of building this feedlot. Is it worth the health of the people, animals, and environment? No, it's not.

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I am STRONGLY against this project. Any possible economic growth would be severely outweighed by the negative environmental, infrastructure, and safety of the surrounding rural communities.

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I grew up in Ree heights, and go back every other weekend, at least! I cannot imagine the horrible smell this would bring? It's too large, and water pollution and air pollution would be a factor!

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Realistically they won't hire enough people that have kids to make an impact on the school system of Miller. There will be half of them that live in Highmore if not all. Have talked with numerous grain merchandisers in Kansas. A feed lot of that size won't increase local corn prices significantly. Although the potential is there.

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I don't have a problem with the project, I think it has ALOT of positive potential. HOWEVER, The location of the project is the worst possible placement. This project would benefit the companies and the communities in the area (not to mention the betterment of the cattle and those that are handling them) far greater if it was North of Highway 14 instead of South.

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This is a mega-industrial feedlot proposed by an LLC that will literally destroy Hand County if approved. If you have never been to a CAFO of this size, you need to go. It is beyond toxic, producing around

1,494,675,000 # of wet manure/year. Road expense to Hand County for an extra 29,314 semi loads/year is unsustainable! Research CAFO impacts on rural communities. CAFOs and rural economic development are not compatible!

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Despite their claims of low smell and problems at Greeley and Broken Bow --- I challenge anyone to drive down there and take a whiff and talk to the locals. Those places stink even with the "state of the art" plans.

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I am not opposed to the expansion of these individual's operation but I do not want to see one of that size. I hope to operate and live in that area and do not want to have to deal with the air pollution it will cause and other possible pollutants. Western Hand county is beautiful for open grazing and has been that way for years. I do not want that to change especially to a project of this size. I hope others in the community that feel this way will speak up and this project is denied.

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If it was smaller scale I would be in favor of it but it's too big for our region.

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I believe the lot should happen but maybe on the north side of Highway 14 where the runoff from Ree Hills would not be a problem. He owns plenty of land on the north side.