

OCTOBER 3, 2017  
HAND COUNTY ZONING BOARD  
MILLER, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Hand County Zoning Board convened at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, to discuss the Wind Energy System (WES). Present were Acting Chairman Jim Jones, Jim Iverson and J. D. Wangsness, and Zoning Director Terry Augspurger. Matt Heck and Patrick Landess, representatives from Scout Clean Energy, were also present.

Some of the concerns expressed regarding WES include the decimal levels, setbacks from residences, right of ways and property lines as well as communication towers. The Board went through the proposed ordinance draft and looked at each area of concern. Matt Heck said that the noise level shall not exceed 50 dBA. Discussion was held on setbacks including a Hand County resident who thought it should be two miles which others did not feel was feasible. Another concern is the decommissioning of the towers at the end of their natural lifetime. The Board felt there should be a plan in place before construction showing sufficient resources to properly decommission the towers and that annual reporting should be made to the county showing financial security for their decommissioning plan.

The Board decided to select a sub-group of two commissioners and States' Attorney Elton Anson to further review the ordinance. They will look at the state statutes and combine them with the ordinance provided by Deuel County, which the Board felt was the best one available. Commissioner Gib Rodgers and J.D. Wangsness will serve on the committee along with Anson. The committee will go through all aspects of the proposed ordinance and present their recommendation to the Board at which time a zoning meeting will be held.

A motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. was made by Commissioner Wangsness.

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Jim Jones, Acting Chairman  
Hand County Zoning Board

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Sandra Selting, Hand County Auditor