

APPENDIX A

Public Scoping Report

SummitWind Farm Environmental Assessment Public Scoping Report

Date: Wednesday, February 12th, 2014

Location: Summit Volunteer Fire House, Summit, SD.

Number of Public Attendees: 29 (signed in); 4 (declined to sign in)

Meeting Notice

Western Area Power Administration (Western) and OwnEnergy, Inc (the Project proponent) invited the general public to attend a Scoping Meeting for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) that is being prepared for the proposed SummitWind Farm Project. The project proponent placed paid public notice advertisements in three local newspapers. The project proponent also placed paid radio advertisements on South Dakota Public Radio. Notice of the meeting was posted on the internet on local community calendars and public service announcement (PSA) press releases were submitted to the following radio stations: KWAT; KDLO; Power 106.3; Big Stone Radio; and KJKQ. Details of the timing of public notice in various venues are listed below:

Newspapers:

- Watertown Public Opinion (daily): 1/28/14 and 2/11/14
- South Shore Gazette (weekly): 1/23/14 and 2/6/14
- Grant County Review (weekly): 1/22/14 and 2/5/14

Radio:

- South Dakota Public Radio: 10 sec daily advertisements during National Native News 4:30 pm CT 2/3/14 – 2/11/14

Online Community Calendars:

- Watertown Public Opinion online community calendar
- South Dakota Public Radio online community calendar
- American Towns online community calendar

Copies of the published public notice are provided in Attachment 1.

In addition to the general meeting notice described above, the project proponent sent a letter to landowners in the project area, notifying them of the public scoping meeting.

Meeting Summary

The public scoping meeting was held near the proposed SummitWind Farm project area at the Summit Volunteer Fire House in Summit, South Dakota on February 12th, 2014 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The meeting was conducted in an open house format.

The room was set up with several illustrative posters to help the public understand the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) Scoping Process and to learn about the project. The

posters included two flow chart descriptions of aspects of the NEPA process provided by Western and two large maps depicting the proposed project layout, one on an aerial photography base and one on a topographic base. Western and the project proponent also supplied informative handouts for the sign in table. A copy of the maps and handouts that were available at the meeting can be found in Attachment 2.

Representatives from Western, the project proponent, and Haley & Aldrich, Inc., the consulting firm hired to draft the EA, were available to describe the NEPA scoping process, the proposed project, answer questions, and accept scoping comments:

- Matt Marsh, Western
- David Kluth, Western
- Micah Reuber, Western
- Scott Kuhlke, OwnEnergy, Inc.
- Russell Laplante, OwnEnergy, Inc.
- Anntonette Alberti, Haley & Aldrich
- Chelsea Horn, Haley & Aldrich

As each attendee came into the meeting room, he or she was asked to sign a sign-in sheet (Attachment 3). Most attendees complied with this request, although approximately four attendees declined to sign in.

Because the meeting was held as an open house format, there was no formal presentation. Attendees were encouraged to walk around the room to review the displays and discuss the proposed project with representatives from Western and the project proponent. Photos from the meeting can be found in Attachment 4.

Comments

Discussion at the scoping meeting covered a wide range of topics about the proposed project. There were no formal requests for study made or formal verbal comments received at the meeting.

Forms on which to record comments were made available to all attendees as they entered the meeting. Two completed comment forms were received at the public scoping meeting and two comment sheets were received after the meeting by mail. Copies of the comments received to-date are found in Appendix B of the SummitWind Farm EA. Three of the comment sheets received were requests to be added to the EA mailing list and to receive a draft copy of the EA document. The fourth comment sheet requested a copy of the proposed project layout. None of the comments addressed the EA scope.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Copies of advertisements
- Attachment 2 – Project maps and handouts
- Attachment 3 – Completed sign-in sheets
- Attachment 4 – Photos

Attachment 1 – Copies of Advertisements

Grant County Commission Proceedings

January 7, 2014
The Grant County Commission met at 8 AM with Commissioners Forre-
rette, Dummann, Mann, Stengel and
Tucholke present. Chairman Mann
called the meeting to order. Motion by
Dummann and seconded by Stengel to
approve the minutes of the December
31, 2013, meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
Minutes filed. Motion by Tucholke
and seconded by Forreette to approve
the agenda. Motion carried 5-0. There
was not any final business to conduct
for 2013.

Chairman Mann adjourned the meet-
ing sine die and Auditor Layher
assumed the chair. Nominations for
Chairman were called. Motion by Tu-
cholke and seconded by Stengel to
nominate Dummann for Chairman
and for nominations to cease and to
cast a unanimous ballot for Dum-
mann. Motion carried 5-0. Commis-
sioner Dummann was seated as
Chairman. Nominations for vice-
chairman were called. Motion by
Mann and seconded by Tucholke to
nominate Forreette for vice-chairman
and for nominations to cease and to
cast a unanimous ballot for Forreette.
Motion carried 5-0.

2014 Appointments: The reorgan-
ization of committees, boards, ap-
pointments and fees were reviewed
for changes in 2014. Motion by Sten-
gel and seconded by Tucholke to ap-
prove the following list of committee
appointments. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
Paul Dummann: Mental Health,
Law Enforcement

Dave Forreette: Development Corpo-
ration/ Sub Committees, Buildings,
First District, Planning and Zoning

Doug Stengel: ICAP, Weed, Emer-
gency Management

Clayton Tucholke: Insurance Al-
liance, Highway, Milbank Housing

Authority, Community Transit

Auditor Layher: Christian Service,
Library, Visiting Neighbor

Deputy Auditor Joan Czmowski: 4-
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Motion by Forreette and seconded by
Tucholke to approve the following
designations. Motion carried 5-0.

Designations:
Ambulance: Grant-Roberts

Depositories: First Bank & Trust in
Milbank and Brookings (TIF), Wells

Fargo, Great Western, First State
Bank and Public Funds Investment

Official Newspaper: Grant County
Review

Funeral Allowance: \$3,000 plus the
cost of opening and closing the grave
for 2012-2014.

Election Precinct Workers Salary:
\$10.00 per hour

Election Precinct Locations: Same
as 2012 – 18 voting locations

Motion by Mann and seconded by
Stengel to approve the following ap-
pointments. Motion carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS:
Emergency Management: Sheryl

Mogard

Planning and Zoning: Krista Atyeo-
Gortmaker

Visiting Neighbor Coordinator:
Wanda Koepke

Glacial Lakes Tourism: Milbank
Chamber Director

Veterans Service Officer: Scott Mal-

imanek – four year appointment for
2014-2017

Hwy. Supt. Kerwin Schultz: - two
year appointment for 2013-2014

2014 Holidays: After a review of
the holiday schedule for 2014, it was
moved by Tucholke and seconded by
Forreette to set the holiday schedule in
accordance with SDCL 1-5-1 and to
include Friday, December 26 and closing
at noon on Wednesday, December
24 to the holiday schedule. Motion
carried 5-0.

2014 Salary Resolution: After a
final review of the salary schedule for
2014, it was moved by Tucholke and
seconded by Forreette to adopt the
2014 salary resolution. Motion carried
and resolution adopted. Motion car-
ried 5-0.

**2014-01
Salary Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Grant County
Commission must establish and pub-
lish salaries of all officials and em-
ployees of the county as per SDCL
6-1-10.

Payroll: Paul Dummann, 898.59;
Dave Forreette, 898.59; Guy Mann,
898.59; Doug Stengel, 898.59; Clayton
Tucholke, 898.59; Karen Layher,
4,329.85; John Gill, 18.10 per hr; Joan
Czmowski, 15.55 per hr; Mary Fen-
haus, 14.70 per hr; Raynelle Mueller,
3,530.52; Elaine Block, 15.00 per hr;
Tamara Mach, 14.15 per hr; Mark
Reedstrom, 7,526.91; Kathleen Strei,
13.80 per hr; David Larsen, 16.95 per
hr; David Dashiell, 12.40 per hr;
Kathy Steinlicht, 3,480.52; Ryan
Gruba, 14.40 per hr; Krista Atyeo-
Gortmaker, 16.15 per hr; Nancy
Copeland, 3,530.52; Rebecca Wellnitz,
15.35 per hr; Jennifer VanHout, 14.20
per hr; Kevin Owen, 4,028.00; Mark
Leusink, 19.30 per hr; William New-
strand, 19.30 per hr; Jeremy Stef-
fensen 18.60 per hr; Jay Brakke 13.45
per hr; Susan Busk, 13.95 per hr;
Rita German, 13.15 per hr; Mikel
Grear, 13.95 per hr; Kevin Speaker,
12.55 per hr; Scott Malimanek, 14.00
per hr; Sheryl Ward, 17.35 per hr;
Jenny Wellnitz, 13.00 per hr; Kerwin
Schultz, 4,329.85; Daryl Dragt, 16.30
per hr; Blain Gatz, 16.10 per hr;
David Green, 16.75 per hr; Brian
Greiner, 16.30 per hr; Robert Grew-
ing, 16.30 per hr; Ronald Grewing,
16.30 per hr; Justin Layher, 16.90
per hr; Jesse Morton, 16.55 per hr;
Roy Nielsen, 17.55 per hr; Daren Pe-
tersen, 18.15 per hr; Sandra Rams-
dell, 16.30 per hr; Michael Schaffer,
15.50 per hr; Donald Strege, 16.75
per hr; John Winqvist, 16.20 per hr;
Sharon Dearborn, 12.90 per hr; Nicole
Hooth, 12.90 per hr; Wanda Koepke,
1,195.00; Kristi Dorneman, 12.10 per
hr; Marie Loutsch, 11.30 per hr;
Linda Raffety, 12.00 per hr; Jody
Carlson, 14.10 per hr; Holly Johnston
11.95 per hr; Cindy Jungers, 12.05
per hr; Janelle Kelly, 12.15 per hr;
Collette Krakow, 11.95 per hr; Mary
Lee, 15.05 per hr; BobbieSue
Leonard, 11.70 per hr; Shawna Przy-
bicien, 11.45 per hr; Tammy Rufer,
11.70 per hr; Sharon Wieber, 11.90
per hr; Tammy Wollschlager, 11.45
per hr; Sara Koepke, 16.00 per hr;
Nathan Mueller, 17.35 per hr; Edna
Englund, 9.90 per hr.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-

SOLVED, that the Grant County
Commission of Grant County does
hereby adopt the Salary Resolution
2014-01 for the year 2014.

Dated this 7th day of January,
2014.

Paul Dummann, Chairman
Grant County Commission

ATTEST:
Karen M. Layher
Grant County Auditor

Highway: Supt. Schultz presented
to the Commission for review the let-
ter and resolution to be sent to the
South Dakota Highway Patrol re-
questing assistance for the enforce-
ment of a speed limit of 35 mph
during spring thaw. Motion by Sten-
gel and seconded by Mann to author-
ize the Chairman to sign the letter to
be sent to the Motor Carrier Division.
Motion carried 5-0. Motion by For-
rette and seconded by Stengel to
adopt the resolution for weight and
speed limit restrictions during the
spring thaw. Motion carried 5-0. Res-
olution adopted.

**2014-02
GRANT COUNTY WEIGHT /
SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, seasonal climatic
changes can be detrimental to our
highways, and

WHEREAS, The Grant County
Board of County Commissioners de-
sires to protect existing Grant County
Highways, ultimately saving tax dol-
lars, and

WHEREAS, the Grant County
Board of County Commissioners de-
sires the enforcement of weight limi-
tations on Grant County roads as set
forth and posted by the Grant County
Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-
SOLVED:

WHEREAS the limits on Grant
County roadways shall be set as
thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph) for
any vehicle over seventy-five hundred
(7,500) pounds during the spring
thaw period and when speed/weight
limit signs are in place and the South
Dakota Highway Patrol hereby is au-
thorized and requested to enforce
speed/weight limitations on Grant
County roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that
the penalty for the violation of the
load restrictions should be as set forth
in SDCL 32-22-55.

Vote of Grant County Commission:
AYE: 5 NAY: 0

Dated this 7th day of January, 2014
at Milbank, SD.

Paul Dummann
Commission Chairman

ATTEST:
Karen M. Layher
Grant County Auditor

BIDS FOR FUEL
12/03, UPI, 2.823 (Ethanol), 3.769
(Diesel #1), 3.367 (Diesel #2); Cenex,
3.00 (Ethanol), 3.59 (Diesel #1), 3.59
(Diesel #2); UPI was the low bidder
for Ethanol at 2.823 and UPI was
awarded the bid for a blend of Diesel
1 at 3.769 and Diesel 2 at 3.367 as the
combined bid was the lowest bid.

12/24, UPI, 2.975 (Ethanol); Cenex,
2.98 (Ethanol). Cenex was given the
bid for Ethanol at 2.98.

12/27, UPI, 4.012 (Diesel #1), 3.352

(Diesel #2); Cenex, 3.65 (Diesel #1),
3.42 (Diesel #2); Cenex was the low
bidder for Diesel 1 at 3.65 and Diesel
2 at 3.42 as the combined bid was the
lowest bid.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Sten-
gel and seconded by Forreette to ap-
prove the consent agenda. Motion
carried 5-0.

1. Approve SDPPA as workers comp
carrier and Hagen Benefits as the
General Liability and Property Insur-
ance carrier for 2014

2. Approve letter of agreement with
First District to provide hosting the
GIS Website in 2014 for \$2,000

3. Approve letter of agreement with
First District to provide DOE Office
with the parcel layer updates/splits in
2014 for \$6,000

Travel: Motion by Stengel and se-
conded by Mann to approve travel for
Weed Supervisor Nathan Mueller to
attend the State Training Conference
in Aberdeen. Motion carried 5-0.

Abateements: Auditor Layher pre-
sented a list of abateements for 2013
pay 2014 due to the property chang-
ing from exempt to non-exempt status
or changing from non-exempt to ex-
empt status.

1. Motion by Stengel and seconded
by Tucholke to approve the abate-
ment in the amount of \$527.20 per
SDCL 10-6A-4 on parcel
25.24.00.65A, Outlots Lot 1 of OL 65
EX W 20feet, Big Stone City. Motion
carried 5-0.

2. Motion by Mann and seconded by
Forreette to approve the abatement of
\$72.90 on Parcel 03.46.29.3000, legal
of W ½ SW ¼ & SW ¼ NW ¼ 29-121-
46 due to building being destroyed by
wind storm. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Motion by Forreette and seconded
by Stengel to approve an abatement
of \$4.36 on Parcel 23.02.01.09, Legal
of Norton's Addition, Lot 9, Block 1,
Strandburg, due to property change of
exempt to non-exempt status. Motion
carried 5-0.

4. Motion by Tucholke and se-
conded by Mann to approve an abate-
ment of \$5.18 on Parcel 23.02.01.08,
Legal of Norton's Addition, Lots 7 &
8, Block 1, Strandburg, due to prop-
erty change of exempt to non-exempt
status. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Motion by Forreette and seconded
by Tucholke to approve an abatement
of \$2.00 on Parcel 20.01.03.14, Legal
of Davidson's Addition, EX RTY of Lot
11 & all of Lots 12-14, Block 3, Town
of Marvin, due to property change of
exempt to non-exempt status. Motion
carried 5-0.

6. Motion by Mann and seconded by
Tucholke to approve an abatement of
\$14.08 on Parcel 26.06.08.05A, Legal
of Merriams & Kneals Addn, Lots 4A
& 5 A, Block 8, City of Milbank, due
to property change of non-exempt to
exempt status. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Motion by Mann and seconded by
Stengel to approve an abatement of
\$15.48 on Parcel 26.06.08.29C, Legal
of Merriams & Kneals Addn, Lots 28B
& 29 A, Block 8, City of Milbank, due
to property change of non-exempt to
exempt status. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Motion by Tucholke and se-
conded by Mann to approve an abate-
ment of \$46.56 on Parcel 26.06.08.09,
Legal of Merriams & Kneals Addn,

WANT TO BUY
Buying jackrabbits for Jack-a-lop-
es. \$5 each. Contact Frank 605-484-0898
(Rapid City).

WANTED
SOMEONE TO FIX or repair an an-
tique pump organ. Located in Madison,
SD. Would be willing to transport. Call
605-256-6691.

South Dakota Statewide Classifieds
Network to work for you today! (25
words for \$150. Each additional word
\$.5.) Call this newspaper or 800-658-
3697 for details.

OTR DRIVERS
DRIVERS WANTED: CDL, owner op-
erators, freight from Midwest up to 48
states, home regularly, newer equip-
ment, Health, 401K, call Randy, A&A
Express, 800-658-3549.

We need your input!

We need your comments to help us define the scope and alternatives
for an Environmental Assessment on a proposal by SummitWind,
LLC for the development of the SummitWind Farm located in Grant
and Roberts Counties, near Summit, South Dakota. The proposed
wind farm will include up to 40 turbine generators, a transmission
line, and access roads. Construction is proposed to start in 2015.

Western Area Power Administration will host a public scoping
meeting to help define the scope of the SummitWind Environmental
Assessment. The meeting location is handicap accessible.

Please join us at the scoping meeting to learn more about this project
and share your ideas:

5 to 8 PM, Wednesday, February 12th, 2014
Summit Volunteer Fire Department
101 E Sherman AVE
Summit, SD 57266-0924

**For more information or to be added to the project mailing list
contact:**

Matt Marsh, Environmental Protection Specialist
Western Area Power Administration
PO Box 35800
Billings, MT 59107-5800
Phone: 1-800-358-3415 Email: mmarsh@wapa.gov

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Lots 6B-6D & 7-9, Block 8, City of Mil-
bank, due to property change of non-
exempt to exempt status. Motion
carried 5-0.

Visiting Neighbor: Motion by For-
rette and seconded by Mann to change
the Visiting Neighbor Coordinator po-
sition from a full-time position with
benefits to a 19 hour per week po-
sition without benefits effective Janu-
ary 1, 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

Campaigning: Auditor Layher
presented a resolution to designate
the courthouse or any other early vot-
ing location as a polling location
which places the location under SDCL
12-8-3 for no campaigning within 100'
of the polling location. Motion by Tu-
cholke and seconded by Stengel to
adopt the following resolution. Motion
carried 5-0. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2014-03
A Resolution Prohibiting
Campaigning at a Polling Location

Whereas, SDCL 12-18-3 states that
except for sample ballots and materi-
als and supplies necessary for the con-
duct of the election, no person may, in
any polling place or within or on any
building in which a polling place is lo-
cated or within one hundred feet from
any entrance leading into a polling
place, maintain an office or communi-
cations center or public address sys-
tem or display campaign posters,
signs, or other campaign materials or
by any like means solicit any votes for
or against any person or political
party or position on a question sub-
mitted. No person may engage in any
practice which interferes with the
voter's free access to the polls or dis-
rupts the administration of the
polling place, or conduct, on the day of
an election, any exit poll or public
opinion poll with voters within one
hundred feet of a polling place. A vi-
olation of this section is a Class 2 mis-
demeanor; and

Whereas, the courthouse and/or
other locations may be designated as
polling places for absentee voting; and

Whereas, the Grant County Com-
mission considers any and all loca-
tions, whether for absentee voting or
election day voting, designated as
polling places to be in compliance
with SDCL 12-18-3.

Now, therefore be it resolved that
any and all locations designated as
polling places, whether for absentee
voting or on election day voting, will
abide by SDCL 12-18-3.

Adopted this 7th day of January,
2014.

Paul Dummann
Chairman

ATTEST:
Karen M. Layher
Grant County Auditor

Rent: Motion by Forreette and se-
conded by Stengel to set the Abstract
Office Rent at \$650 per month and the
EM Office rent at \$215 per month be-

ginning in January 2014. Motion car-
ried 5-0.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Claims: Motion by Mann and se-
conded by Forreette to approve the
claims as presented. Motion carried 5-
0. ADAMSON POLICE PRODUCTS,
equip, 1,600.00; COESTER LAW OF-
FICE, co assistance, 80.00; FAMILY
DOLLAR STORE, supplies, 10.80;
FIRST DISTRICT, prof serv,
8,000.00; THE FLOWER SHOPPE,
supplies, 44.95; GRANT CTY
CONSER DIST, alloca, 12,000.00;
GRANT CO SHERIFF DEPT,
postage, 6.11; GRANT/ROBERTS
AMBULANCE, alloca, 2,458.33;
GRANT-ROBERTS RURAL WATER,
water, 39.55; INTERSTATE
TELECOMM, 911, phone & internet,
367.46; JOSEPH W. KANTHAK,
tower rent, 600.00; LIEBE DRUG,
supplies, 12.06; MICROFILM IMAG-
ING, rent, 295.00; NATL ASSN OF
CO, dues, 450.00; ROY NIELSEN, re-
imburse, 2,000.00;

NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIP, sup-
plies, 23.90; NORTHWESTERN EN-
ERGY, nat gas, 505.08; RC
COMMUN, tower rent, 95.96; RE-
LIANCE, call cards, 500.00; SD ASSN
CO COMM, CAT LEGAL, 3,082.88;
SD STATE'S ATTORNEY ASSN,
dues, 811.00; SDML WORKERS'
COMP FUND, workers comp,
48,581.00; SD PUB ASSURANCE
ALLIANCE, insurance, 73,533.52; SD
ASSOC OF CO WEED/SUPERVI-
SORS, dues, 50.00; SD ASSN
COUNTY OFFICIALS, dues,
1,039.92; SDAAO, dues, 110.00;
SDAE4-HP, dues, 105.00; SD SHER-
IFF'S ASSN, dues, 570.68; TYLER
TECHNOLOGIES, support,
15,706.23; TYLER COMPUTER, com-
puter, 1,140.00; THE VALLEY
SHOPPER, publishing, 48.30;

VISA, tools, 93.29; WITTROCK &
SON, garbage service, 159.00; WHET-
STONE VALLEY ELECTRIC, electri-
city, 384.00; WOMEN'S
RESOURCE CTR, alloca, 575.10.
TOTAL: \$175,079.12.

It is the policy of Grant County,
South Dakota, not to discriminate
against the handicapped in employ-
ment or the provision of service.

The next scheduled meeting dates
will be January 15 and February 5
and 19, 2014, at 8 AM. Motion by
Mann and seconded by Tucholke to
adjourn the meeting. Motion carried
5-0. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Paul Dummann, Chairman,
Grant County Commission

/s/ Karen M. Layher,
Grant County Auditor

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cost of \$150.18.

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States considering reviving old-fashioned executions

ST. LOUIS (AP) — With lethal-injection drugs in short supply and new questions looming about their effectiveness, lawmakers in some death penalty states are considering bringing back relics of a more gruesome past: firing squads, electrocutions and gas chambers.

Most states abandoned those execution methods more than a generation ago in a bid to make capital punishment more palatable to the public and to a judicial system worried about inflicting cruel and unusual punishments that violate the Constitution.

But to some elected officials, the drug shortages and recent legal challenges are beginning to make lethal injection seem too vulnerable to complications.

“This isn’t an attempt to time-warp back into the 1850s or the wild, wild West or anything like that,” said Missouri state Rep. Rick Brattin, who this month proposed making firing squads an option for executions. “It’s just that I foresee a problem, and I’m trying to come up with a solution that will be the most humane yet most economical for our state.”

Brattin, a Republican, said questions about the injection drugs are sure to end up in court, delaying executions and forcing states to examine alternatives. It’s not fair, he said, for relatives of murder victims to wait years, even decades, to see justice served while lawmakers and judges debate execution methods.

Like Brattin, a Wyoming lawmaker this month offered a bill allowing the firing squad. Missouri’s attorney general and a state lawmaker have raised the notion of rebuilding the state’s gas chamber. And a Virginia lawmaker wants to make electrocution an option if lethal-injection drugs aren’t available.

If adopted, those measures could return states to the more harrowing imagery of previous decades, when inmates were hanged, electrocuted or shot to death by marksmen.

States began moving to lethal injection in the 1980s in the belief that powerful sedatives and heart-stopping drugs would replace the violent spectacles with a more clinical affair while limiting, if not eliminating, an inmate’s pain.

The total number of U.S. executions has declined in recent years — from a peak of 98 in 1999 to 39 last year. Some states have turned away from the death penalty entirely. Many have cases tied up in court. And those that carry on with executions find them increasingly difficult to conduct because of the scarcity of drugs and doubts about how well they work.

In recent years, European drug makers have stopped selling the lethal chemicals to prisons because they do not want their products used to kill.

Utah is phasing out its use, but the firing squad remains an option there for inmates sentenced prior to May 3, 2004.

Oklahoma maintains the firing squad as an option, but only if lethal injection and electrocution are deemed unconstitutional.

Farm bill deal would cut food stamps by 1 percent; Wednesday House vote looms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm-state lawmakers are pushing for final passage of the massive, five-year farm bill as it heads to the House floor Wednesday — member by member, vote by vote.

There are goodies scattered through the bill for members from all regions of the country: a boost in money for crop insurance popular in the Midwest; higher cotton and rice subsidies for Southern farmers; renewal of federal land payments for Western states. There are cuts to the food stamp program — \$800 million a year, or around 1 percent — for Republicans who say the program is spending too much money, but they are low enough that some Democrats will support them.

Negotiators on the final deal also left out a repeal of a catfish program that would have angered Mississippi lawmakers and language that would have thwarted a California law requiring all eggs sold in the state to come from hens living in larger cages. Striking out that provision was a priority for California lawmakers who did not want to see the state law changed.

House passage of the farm bill, which would spend almost \$100 billion a year and would save around \$2.3 billion annually, isn’t certain. But farm-state lawmakers have been working for more than two years to strike just the right balance to get the massive bill passed as congressional compromise has been rare.

Hoping to put the bill past them and build on a budget deal passed

earlier this month, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., endorsed the bill Monday. Both said they would like to see more reform but are encouraging colleagues to vote for it anyway.

The House Agriculture Committee chairman, Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Okla., who has been working on the bill since 2011, said late Monday that it was “nothing short of a miracle that we’re at this point.”

Lucas and his Senate counterpart, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., have touted the bill’s overall savings and the elimination of a \$4.5 billion-a-year farm subsidy called direct payments, which are now paid to farmers whether they farm or not. The bill would continue to heavily subsidize major crops — corn, soybeans, wheat, rice and cotton — while shifting many of those subsidies toward more politically defensible insurance programs. That means farmers would have to incur losses before they received a payout.

Still unclear, though, was how Republicans would get the votes they needed to pass the final bill on the House floor. The full House rejected an earlier version of the farm bill in June after conservative Republicans said cuts to food stamps weren’t big enough — and that bill had more than two times the cuts than those in the compromise bill announced Monday. A bill the House passed in September with strong conservative support would have made even larger cuts to the program.

Some of those conservatives were certain to oppose the scaled-back cuts to food stamps, along with many of the farm subsidies the bill offered.

The final food stamp savings are generated by making it more difficult for states to give recipients a minimal amount of heating assistance in order to trigger higher food stamp benefits. The cuts were brought down to \$800 million a year to come closer to the Senate version of the bill, which had \$400 million in annual food stamp cuts.

Still, many liberal Democrats were also expected to vote against the bill, saying the food stamp cuts were too great.

Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., a longtime proponent of food stamps, said he would vote against the bill and would encourage his colleagues to do the same.

“They are trying to ram this thing through before anyone has a chance to read it,” he said after the bill was released late Monday and scheduled for a Wednesday vote.

A coalition of powerful meat and poultry groups, generally strong supporters of the legislation, also said Monday they would work against the bill after the heads of the agriculture panels did not include language to delay a labeling program that requires retailers to list the country of origin of meat. Meatpackers say it is too costly for the industry and have fought to have the program repealed in the farm bill.

Despite that opposition, Boehner and Cantor are hoping to corral

enough votes to get the bill done. Cantor blamed the Senate for not accepting the House’s attempted changes to the food stamp program but said he would support the bill. The legislation would “extend these important agriculture programs, achieve deficit reduction, and help give many Americans an opportunity to achieve independence and get back to work,” he said.

Boehner said he had hoped reforms in the bill would go further, but the legislation was “worthy of the House’s support.”

Lucas helped win Boehner’s support by jettisoning a portion of a dairy program overhaul that the speaker firmly opposed. Negotiators have spent the past few months figuring out how to work the dairy program so Boehner and other key lawmakers would support it.

The new program would do away with current price supports and allow farmers to purchase a new kind of insurance that pays out when the gap between the price they receive for milk and their feed costs narrows. But it would not include a so-called stabilization program that would have dictated production cuts when over-supply drives down prices. Boehner called that “Soviet-style” and made it clear it was a deal-breaker for him.

“If I should expire in the next three days I want a glass of milk on my tombstone because it’s what’s killed me,” Lucas said Monday night of negotiations over the dairy program.

Southerners warned of icy mess in days ahead

ATLANTA (AP) — A blast of freezing precipitation expected to arrive Tuesday could scatter snow and ice across the Deep South, prompting officials from New Orleans to Virginia to ready road crews and close some schools.

Popular warm-weather tourist destinations including Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., Pensacola, Fla., and New Orleans were expecting ice and even snow — both rare occurrences in places that seldom even see prolonged sub-freezing temperatures.

In coastal Charleston, for instance, it was a balmy 62 degrees Monday. But the approaching weather led the College of Charleston to cancel classes Tuesday as a “precautionary measure.” There was a forecast of rain, and sleet in the late afternoon, with the first snow expected Wednesday morning.

Much of Georgia was placed under a winter storm watch for Tuesday and Wednesday. While some areas could see as much as 3 inches of snow, the bigger concern with plummeting temperatures was ice.

“The snowfall amounts are going to matter very little in this situation because of the ice potential,” said Jason Deese, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Peachtree City, Ga. “Some parts of the state may end up seeing the greatest impact just because they get more ice than snow.”

Delta Air Lines officials say more than 1,800 flights have been canceled ahead of a winter storm expected to pelt areas of the Southeast with sleet and snow. Delta spokeswoman Betsy Talton says 1,850 flights have been canceled system-wide Tuesday beginning at 11 a.m. Of that number, Talton says 840 flights from Atlanta have been affected.

The airline is offering travelers the opportunity to make one-time changes to their tickets without a fee if they’re traveling through Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, the Carolinas and Texas. Delta officials expected service to be affected between Jan. 28 and 29, and replacement tickets must be reissued by Feb. 1.

Forecasters were predicting snow and ice from Texas to Virginia by mid-week as precipitation moving in from the south met with cold air already chilling the region.

Meanwhile, in the Midwest, plummeting temperatures and increasing winds took root for another day even as the storm moved south. Several states in the central U.S. saw schools and other facilities close for a second consecutive day as dangerous wind chills were predicted. In Minnesota, forecasters said wind chills could reach 35 to 50 degrees below zero.

In the Carolinas, many school districts were running on half-day schedules Tuesday so students could head home before the worst of the storm system hit. In North Carolina’s Outer Banks, barrier islands that are popular with tourists during the warm seasons, residents were bracing for as much as 8 inches of snow.

Several inches also were expected in South Carolina, where the state department of transportation planned to send crews out Tuesday to treat roads with sand and brine to ease any troubles caused by ice.

Elsewhere, some schools and government offices already closed in Mississippi ahead of the rare snow event.

“This is a very dangerous situation because snow and ice are very rare for extreme southern Mississippi,” Robert Latham, executive director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, said in a news release. “We need everyone to have an emergency plan together for this.”

In Alabama, snow began falling before dawn Tuesday in the extreme northwest portion of the state.

In Virginia, snow was forecast to begin falling Tuesday afternoon, with up to a foot predicted for Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Chesapeake.

In Louisiana, state Public Service Commission Chairman Eric Skrmetta told residents to be prepared by stocking up with food, fueling cars and making sure to have cash on hand, calling the icy forecast for the next couple of days “decidedly grim.”

Donna Vidrine, a cashier at Simcoe Food World in Lafayette, said her store was already busy Monday.

“They’re buying things like canned goods — nonperishable items — and bottles of water and diapers for their baby,” she said.

Texas husband named brain-dead wife’s fetus

DALLAS (AP) — Before a pregnant, brain-dead Texas woman was taken off life support over the weekend at the end of a long legal battle, her husband said he decided to name what would have been the couple’s second child.

Erick Munoz said Monday he gave the 23-week-old fetus the name Nicole, the middle name of his late wife, Marlise Munoz. He would not say why he chose to name the fetus.

Munoz said doctors at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth indicated to him that the fetus would likely have been a girl, though his attorneys previously said the fetus suffered from lower body deformation that made it impossible to determine its sex.

“They think it was a female,” Munoz said in a brief telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Munoz told WFAA-TV in an interview aired Monday evening that he has seen many negative comments about his decision, but he feels he made the right choice.

“I’m just glad they are not in my shoes. I hope every day that no one ever has to go through what I went through,” he said.

Munoz said his wife will be cremated and there are no plans for memorial or funeral services because the family is concerned that protesters would show up.


“She made me a better man, and I thank her for it. I thank her very much,” he said.

Both the hospital and his attorneys agreed the fetus could not have been born alive that early in the pregnancy, and the fetus was not delivered when John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth complied Sunday with a judge’s order to pull any life-sustaining treatment from Marlise Munoz.

Doctors said she was brain-dead in November after Erick Munoz found her unconscious in their Haltom City home, possibly due to a blood clot, but the hospital had kept on machines to keep her organs functioning for the sake of the fetus, which it said was per Texas law.

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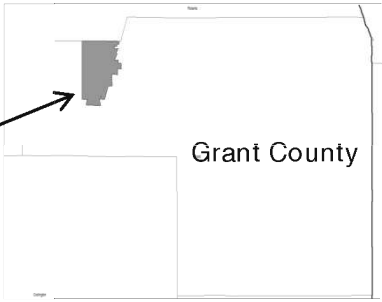
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We need your input!

We need your comments to help us define the scope and alternatives for an Environmental Assessment on a proposal by SummitWind, LLC for the development of the SummitWind Farm located in Grant and Roberts Counties, near Summit, South Dakota. The proposed wind farm will include up to 40 turbine generators, a transmission line, and access roads. Construction is proposed to start in 2015.

Western Area Power Administration will host a public scoping meeting to help define the scope of the SummitWind Environmental Assessment. The meeting location is handicap accessible.

SummitWind Farm Site Location



Please join us at the scoping meeting to learn more about this project and share your ideas:

5 to 8 PM, Wednesday, February 12th, 2014
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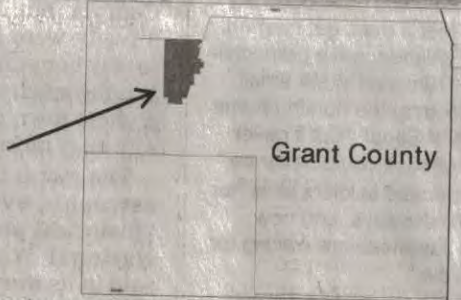
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ously, and the unanimous vote was repeated when it got to the House.

Another of my bills is being heard this week that makes it easier for veterans to get the veteran's emblem on their driver's license. The constituent will be the main proponent.

What I'm getting at is that the South Dakota legislature is

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visited this past week. They were so impressed with the process, the professionalism, and the caucus meeting. I repeat, again and again, please feel free to visit.

Take care and keep in touch.

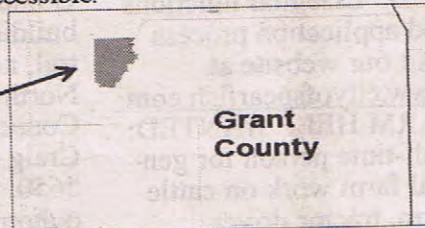
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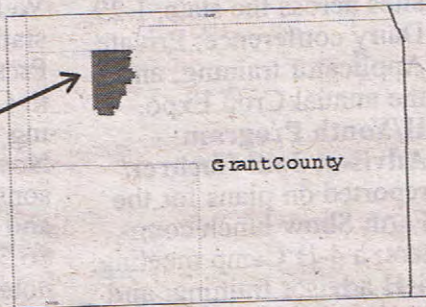
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We need your input!

We need your comments to help us define the scope and alternatives for an Environmental Assessment of a proposed Summit Wind, LLC for the development of the Summit Wind Farm located in Grant and Roberts Counties, near Summit, South Dakota. The proposed wind farm will include up to 4 turbine generators, a transmission line, and access roads. Construction is proposed to start in 2015.

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Summit Wind
Farm Site
Location



Please join us at the scoping meeting to learn more about the project and share our ideas.

5:08 PM, Wednesday February 12th, 2014

Summit Volunteer Fire Department

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Summit, SD 57266-0924

Grant County Commission Proceedings

January 21, 2014

The Grant County Commission met at 8 AM with Commissioners Dummann, Forrette, Mann, Stengel and Tucholke present. Chairman Dummann called the meeting to order. Motion by Mann and seconded by Forrette to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014, meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Mann to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

The Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for the month of December was noted.

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Grant County:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of the County of Grant as of the last day of December, 2013.

Cash on Hand, \$801.75

Checks in Treasurer's possession less than 3 days, \$49,281.19

Cash Items, \$0.00

TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND \$50,082.94

RECONCILED CHECKING

First Bank & Trust, \$1,927.94; Credit Card Transactions, \$60.00; First Bank & Trust (Svgs), \$2,904.234.00.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

First Bank & Trust, \$0.00; First Bank & Trust (TIF), \$353,200.73.

TOTAL CASH ASSETS \$3,309,505.61

GENERAL LEDGER CASH BALANCES:

General, \$1,761,837.64; General restricted cash, \$516,152.00; Sp. Revenue, \$368,830.99; Sp. Revenue restricted cash, \$0.00; Henze Road District, \$0.00; TIF Apportioning Northern Lights, \$0.00; TIF Milbank, \$0.00; TIF Northern Lights, \$353,200.73; Trust & Agency, \$309,484.25; (schools 39,478.31, twps 49,595.58, city/towns 12,348.80)

TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH \$3,309,505.61

Dated this 7th day of January, 2014

Karen M. Layher
County Auditor

The Sheriff's fees were \$4,163.53 for December with \$2,548.28 receipted into the county general fund. The Register of Deeds fees for the month of December were \$13,175.00. The Clerk of Courts remittance fees for the month of December were \$5,485.26. The Visiting Neighbor 2013 Year End report was noted.

Highway: Supt. Schultz presented the striping agreement with SD DOT for the striping of the center line of asphalt roads. The agreement is for approximately 49.5 miles of striping for a total project cost of \$12,722.40. The county's 40% share is \$1,985.75. The county's amount over the allocated limit is \$7,758.03 for a total cost to the county of \$9,743.78. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Tucholke to sign agreement number 2014-05 for the striping of 49.5 miles. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Forrette to approve travel expense for Supt Schultz to attend the Highway Short Course workshop in Oa-coma. Motion carried 5-0.

Abatements: Motion by Forrette and seconded by Stengel to approve the administrative abatements for mobile taxes collected one year in advance due to the trailer homes being moved and the 2013 payable 2014 taxes had to be paid in advance with a total adjustment credit to the tax account records of \$127.12. Motion carried 5-0. The commission discussed an uncollected mobile home tax from the tax year 2006 to the present. All avenues of collection have been exhausted and the tax deemed uncollectable. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Forrette to abate the taxes, interest and costs in the amount of \$780.51 for a 1974 14 X 72 Rollohome Townhouse Mobile Home registered to Cliff Joslin as these taxes are deemed uncollectable. Motion carried 5-0.

Travel: Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Forrette to approve

travel expense for the following requests. Motion carried 5-0.

1.VSO Scott Malimanek to attend an Orientation School in Sioux Falls

2.VSO Scott Malimanek to attend the NACVSO Accreditation Training in Pierre 3. For county personnel who need to travel to Pierre during the 2014 legislative session

EM: Director Sheryl Ward reported the next deadline for applying for the Haz Mat Mitigation grant is August of 2014. Mobile home park owner Ken Dahlgren had requested help in funding a storm shelter to be built for the mobile home park residents and other residents near the park. Sheryl is checking on the grant requirements as to ownership of the building when the structure is completed.

Historical Society: Present were Arlo and Paulette Levisen. Arlo, President of the Historical Society restated the Society's request to transfer ownership of the Carnegie Library Museum building and lot to the county historical society as they would like to build a structure on the lot and would prefer to have ownership of the land. States Attorney Reedstrom had prepared a quit claim deed for consideration. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Forrette to authorize Chairman Dummann to sign the quit claim deed transferring the museum building and lot with a legal description of Lot 7, Block 2, Original Townsite, City of Milbank, to the Grant County Historical Society per SDCL 6-5-2. Motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff: The following statistics for the month of December for the Detention Center and Sheriff's Office were presented by report. Average Daily inmate population 7; Number of bookings 13; Work release money collected \$1,135.00; 24/7 Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) fees collected \$261.00; SCRAM (alcohol detecting bracelet) fees collected \$0.00; 24/7 PBT participants 4; SCRAM (Sobriety Program) participants 3; Calls for Service (does not include walk-in traffic) 78; Accidents investigated 3; Civil papers served 48; Cumulative miles traveled 4,990; 911 calls responded to (including Milbank) 62. Travel: Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Forrette to approve travel expense for Deputy Jeremy Steffensen to attend the renewal course for certified tazer instructor in Mitchell and to approve travel expense for Sheriff Owen and one deputy to attend annual conference in Deadwood. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Stengel to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve Plat: 2014-04

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Grant County, South Dakota, that the plat known and described as: Lot 1. ROGGENBUCK FARM SUBDIVISION, located in the NE ¼ of Section 28, Township 119 North, Range 48 West of the 5th P.M., Grant County, South Dakota, is approved and the County Auditor is directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this resolution and certify the same thereon.

Paul Dummann, Chairman,
Board of Commissioners,
Grant County, South Dakota

ATTEST:
Karen M. Layher
County Auditor

2. Approve Marlene Dockter as Library Volunteer

3. Approve change in classification for Kevin Speaker from PT dispatcher with benefits to FT with benefits effective 1-1- 2014

4. Approve SD Broadband Initiative Grant Award, facilitated by the SD Bureau of Information in the amount of \$9,113.60 for technology improvement at the Library

5. Approve list of books and audio materials to be declared surplus from the library for the months of October, November and December, 2013

6. Declare surplus a revolving hanger rack, fixed asset number 1751 from the library

7. Declare surplus (3) green task chairs (no arms), fixed asset number

8301, 8302 and 8303 from the library

8. Declare surplus a revolving 3 tier hand up rack, fixed asset number 2028 from the library

9. Declare surplus (2) padding reading chairs, fixed asset number 1508 and 1509 from the library

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A discussion was held on gross receipts taxes for telephone exchanges in lieu of property taxes.

Correspondence: None

Claims: Motion by Mann and seconded by Stengel to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0. A-OX WELDING, cylinder rent & supplies, 541.65; AIO ACQUISITION, supplies, 15.90; AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE, lab, 55.40; BORNIS GROUP, postage, 935.95; ROGER'S ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE, parts, 16.65; CENTER POINT, books, 298.98; CENTURYLINK, 911 & phone, 585.79; COLUMBIA BOOKS, subsc, 536.99; CRIMESTAR, support, 1,500.00; CUSTODIAN SERVICES, supplies, 112.00; EASTSIDE CAR WASH, car wash, 31.58; MILBANK REFRIGERATION, prof serv, 710.00; ENGELSTAD ELECTRIC, repair, 241.35;

FIRST DISTRICT, alloca, 6,643.50; G&R CONTROLS, maint, 2,045.50; GALL'S, supplies, 222.57; GLACIAL LAKES ASSN, alloca, 784.00; GLOBAL GOV/ED, comp supplies, 303.00; GRANT CO TREAS, postage, 46.00; HARTMAN'S, supplies, 11.07; SD MAGAZINE, books, 85.80; INGRAM, books & AV, 844.93; INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION, worker, 1,950.67; INTERSTATE TELECOMMM, internet, 85.16; MICROMARKETING, AV, 40.97; MILBANK COMMUNICATIONS, supplies, 118.57; NELSON LAW OFFICE, alloca, 3,527.16;

NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIP, parts, 249.71; OFFICE PEEPS, supplies, 163.09; OTTER TAIL POWER CO, electricity, 2,479.34; REED ELSEVIER, prof serv, 661.00; DELORIS J RUFER, rent, 100.00; SCHUNEMAN EQUIP, parts & service, 414.57; SD ASSN CO WEED/PEST BDS, regis, 170.00; SDACO, ROD Modernization fee, 274.00; SD ATTORNEY GEN, 24-7 fee, 10.00; SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales & use tax, 61.12; ST WILLIAMS, prisoner meals & prof serv, 273.00; QUICK PRO LUBE, oil chg 76.54; T&T HEATING & AC, parts, 20.41; TRAPP PLUMBING, prof serv, 334.76; TYLER COMPUTER, supplies, 93.00;

VERIZON WIRELESS, phone, 96.92; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge, 6,454.32; WHETSTONE VALLEY ELEC COOP, electricity, 834.19; CAPITAL JOURNAL, subsc, 175.00; XEROX, copier rent, 585.96. TOTALS: \$35,178.07.

It is the policy of Grant County, South Dakota, not to discriminate against the handicapped in employment or the provision of service.

The next scheduled meeting dates will be February 4 and 18, 2014, at 8 AM. Motion by Forrette and seconded by Stengel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Paul Dummann, Chairman,
Grant County Commission

/s/ Karen M. Layher,
Grant County Auditor

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Have you ever headed for home after work only to stop, turn the car around and drive to the school to pick up your child from practice or OST? I have, and I would bet that I'm not alone.

When our normal patterns are disrupted and we have a lot of things going on in our minds, it's easy to forget things. That's normal.

But do you find yourself forgetting other things? Standing there staring into the refrigerator, wondering if you were putting something in or taking something out? Ever find the salt shaker in the refrigerator, or the milk in the cupboard? Can't find your car keys when you are holding them in your hand?

It could just be lack of focus, but if you are concerned that your brain is suffering the effects of aging, there are some simple and inexpensive steps you can take to help keep your thought processes sharp.

1. Lift weights – Any exercise is good for the mind and body, but weight lifting and resistance training may offer special benefits, according to at least a couple of studies on women.

In one study of women with normal cognitive function, those who exercised for an hour once or twice a week, using dumbbells, weight machines and other calisthenic exercises, significantly improved their long-term mental focus and decision-making.

2. Laugh – Humor is healthy. A hearty laugh provides short but similar benefits of aerobic exercise for improved heart (and brain) health and immunity. Other benefits: Laughter elevates the production of neurotransmitters linked to improved memory and alertness while decreasing stress hormones that can cloud thinking.

3. Take a nap – In addition to improved daytime alertness, good sleep helps keep memory and learning well-tuned. If you can work in a regular afternoon nap for about 90 minutes, you could see measurable improvements in decision-making, problem-solving, creativity and even

Life is like the stock market. Some days you're up. Some days you're down. And some days you feel like something the bull left behind.

Paula Wall

Social Security Answers Your Questions Concerning Benefits

Q: Can a person receive Social Security disability and workers' compensation benefits at the same time?

A: Yes, but workers' compensation and other public disability benefits may reduce Social Security benefits. If you receive workers' compensation or other public disability benefits and SSA disability benefits for the same period, the total amount of these cannot exceed 80 percent of your average current earnings before you became disabled. When someone is eligible for both workers' compensation and Social Security disability, sometimes the State offsets the workers' compensation benefits while sometimes Social Security offsets the disability benefits. Variations exist in types of state workers' compensation benefits so this general answer will not apply in the same manner for all states. Reporting receipt of workers' compensation is one of your responsibilities when receiving disability.

Q: Our newly adopted baby son already has a Social Security number (SSN). Can we change his SSN to correct his name and show us as his parents?

A: Yes, at no charge. Learn the documents needed and print the downloadable application at [http://socialsecurity.gov/ssnum-](http://socialsecurity.gov/ssnum-ber/)

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As a general guideline for any SSN name change, child or adult, documents seen must clearly show the person going from the previous to new name. For example, adoption decrees and marriage certificates often show both the previous and new name. You must also show the change in parent names. Documents Social Security may accept to prove your child's legal name and parent changes include the final adoption decree, court order for a name change or amended birth certificate. Separate ID for your son might be needed. Proof of your relationship to your son and ID for you is needed. This might be your driver's license or U.S. passport. Sometimes one document serves for multiple purposes. All documents used must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency, not photocopies you made or notarized copies of documents. All documents are returned to you. Once corrected, your child will have the same SSN as before. All SSN actions are provided free by Social Security. Protect yourself. Be sure to access information through the official Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov. From the homepage, SSN information is in the Numbers & Cards tab.

Social Security Benefits Questions Answered

Q: What is the maximum Social Security retirement amount for 2014?

A: The maximum monthly Social Security retirement amount changes each year. The 2014 maximum is more than the 2013 maximum but will be less than the 2015 amount. Several reasons are responsible for this with a major one being that different years of earnings become available to include in the retirement calculation.

With each new calendar year, a year of potentially higher earnings becomes available for use in computing retirement benefit amounts. Not only might actual earnings be higher but, depending on the maximum taxable earnings base (www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/max-tax.htm) for that year, more of the earnings can be credited for use in the Social Security computation.

An early step in determining a retirement amount is to compute the person's amount at full retirement age (FRA), without reductions or additions. To do this, Social Security uses the person's best 35 years of earnings, weighted for inflation.

To compute the benefit for the person's actual retirement date, Social Security adjusts the full retirement age amount by the number of months that the person is away from FRA. The amount is reduced if younger than full retirement age or increased if older than their full retirement age.

If starting Social Security retirement in 2014 exactly at full retirement age, and if the person earned at least the maximum SSA taxable earnings in each of the 35 years used in the calculation, then the highest 2014 Social Security retirement amount is \$2,642 per month. For comparison, the highest 2013 SSA retirement amount was \$2,533 per month.

Knowing the highest 2014 Social Security retirement amount is interesting. Estimating your own retirement amount is more useful. Do so with the calculators included in the in the SSA Retirement Planner at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/. The Retirement Estimator will be especially useful. Ready to file for retirement? Go online.

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We need your input!

We need your comments to help us define the scope and alternatives for an Environmental Assessment on a proposal by SummitWind, LLC for the development of the SummitWind Farm located in Grant and Roberts Counties, near Summit, South Dakota. The proposed wind farm will include up to 40 turbine generators, a transmission line, and access roads. Construction is proposed to start in 2015.

Western Area Power Administration will host a public scoping meeting to help define the scope of the SummitWind Environmental Assessment. The meeting location is handicap accessible.

SummitWind Farm Site Location

Please join us at the scoping meeting to learn more about this project and share your ideas:

5 to 8 PM, Wednesday, February 12th, 2014
Summit Volunteer Fire Department
101 E Sherman AVE
Summit, SD 57266-0924

For more information or to be added to the project mailing list contact:

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Field Specialist Report

Agronomy/Crops

By Paul Johnson
Watertown Regional Extension Center

GLYPHOSATE RESISTANT HORSEWEED OR MARESTAIL

In the early nineties there was the development of Su or Imi resistant then Marestalk. This weed, being a fall annual found normally in no-till systems, was very hard to handle if soybeans were planted. This was overcome in 1996 with the planting of Roundup resistant soybeans. This was a great fit until 2010 when the first Glyphosate resistant, now called Horseweed, was identified in South Dakota.

This was not a big surprise because Horseweed was the first broadleaf found to be resistant to Glyphosate in 2000 in Delaware, which was also in a no-till situation. It also has been found that Horseweed can germinate early in the spring, form a rosette vernalize and produce seed that same year.

When we look at dealing with resistance, chemical control is the first

thing looked at because it is easy. But this weed can also be controlled with tillage. Tillage in the fall or early spring will provide excellent control. Crop rotation can also help to control this weed.

Spring wheat or winter wheat both provide ways to control this weed with chemicals. Corn or sorghum both have options that can control Glyphosate resistant horseweed. Rotating to a perennial crop like alfalfa is also a good option to control Horseweed by providing permanent cover to keep the horseweed from germinating.

One of the main characteristics to look at with all resistance is to take an integrated management approach for control. By looking at more than one control strategy it should be easier to eliminate the problem and avoid more resistance problems in the future.

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Attachment 2 – Project Maps and Handouts

**SummitWind Farm, LLC
Environmental Assessment
Public Scoping Meeting**
February 12, 2014 – Summit, South Dakota



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SummitWind Farm Open House
February 12th, 2014, 5-8 PM, Summit Volunteer Fire Hall
Public Scoping Meeting
Environmental Assessment (EA)

Thank you for your interest in the SummitWind Farm EA. After reviewing all of the exhibits and speaking with project representatives, please complete the appropriate sections of this form to be included on the EA mailing list and/or to provide comments. Written comments can be submitted at the Scoping Meeting, faxed to (406) 255-2900, mailed to Mr. Matt Marsh, Document Manager, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, 2900 4th Avenue, North, Billings, MT 59107-5800 or e-mailed to mmars@wapa.gov. Your comments are important to us and will be accepted through **2/19** for formal consideration in the scoping process.

Please Print Contact Information Below

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Please Share Comments, Questions, or Concerns Below (continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Thank you for your time and interest.

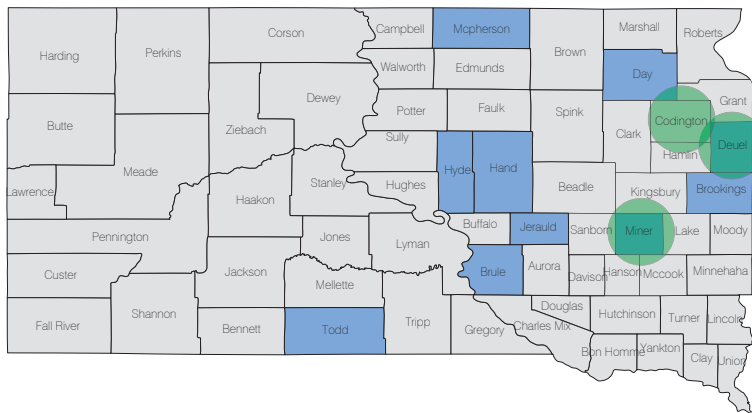
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WIND ENERGY FACTS: SOUTH DAKOTA

Developing South Dakota's incredible wind resources creates economic development



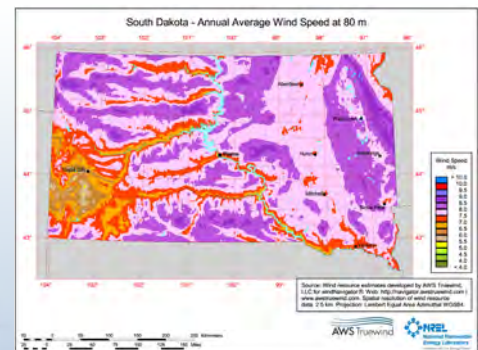
South Dakota has only developed a tiny fraction of its wind resource. Further development will provide considerable economic and environmental benefits.

Blue counties have wind projects.
Green dots are online wind energy
manufacturing facilities.

WIND PROJECTS

Currently online:	784 megawatts (MW)
Added in 2011:	75 MW
Added in 2010:	396 MW
Wind projects in queue:	7,399 MW

South Dakota added the 4th most new wind capacity in 2010.



GENERATION AND POTENTIAL

Percentage of South Dakota power provided by wind in 2011: 22.3%

South Dakota is the first state in the U.S. to generate more than 20% of its electricity from wind! It leads the nation in percentage of electricity from wind energy.

Equivalent number of homes South Dakota wind farms now power: 240,000

State wind resource: 882,412 MW at 80 meters hub heights

South Dakota's wind resource is ranked 5th in the US.

According to a resource assessment from the National Renewable Energy Lab, South Dakota's wind resource could provide 310 times the state's current electricity needs. Photo: the Tatanka Wind Farm, on the

Photo: the Tatanka Wind Farm, on the border of South Dakota & North Dakota
photo provided by Knight & Carver Wind Group

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: windmail@awea.org

AMERICAN WIND ENERGY ASSOCIATION

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WIND ENERGY FACTS: SOUTH DAKOTA

ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Investment in wind power is an investment in jobs, including jobs in operations and maintenance, construction, manufacturing and many support sectors. In addition, wind power projects produce lease payments for landowners and increase the tax base of communities.

- Total direct and indirect jobs supported in 2011: 1,001-2,000
- Annual property tax payments by wind project owners: around \$3.9 million
- Annual land lease payments to local landowners: over \$2.3 million

Generating wind power creates no emissions and uses virtually no water. The wind power installed in South Dakota will avoid 1.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually.

MANUFACTURING SECTOR

While some of South Dakota's wind-related manufacturing may be from companies that have transitioned from other industries, South Dakota has already attracted significant investment in wind-specific facilities. Molded Fiber Glass, one of the leaders in blade manufacturing, opened a \$40 million manufacturing facility in Aberdeen, South Dakota. At full capacity, as it would be under an aggressive RES, the facility would employ over 700 workers. With strong policy support, many other manufacturers would diversify into wind energy manufacturing and open new facilities in the state.

SOUTH DAKOTA POLICY

South Dakota has a voluntary renewable objective to have 10 percent of its 2015 electricity sales derived from renewable and recycled energy.

EVENTS

Companies from South Dakota exhibiting at the WINDPOWER 2012 Exhibition: 4

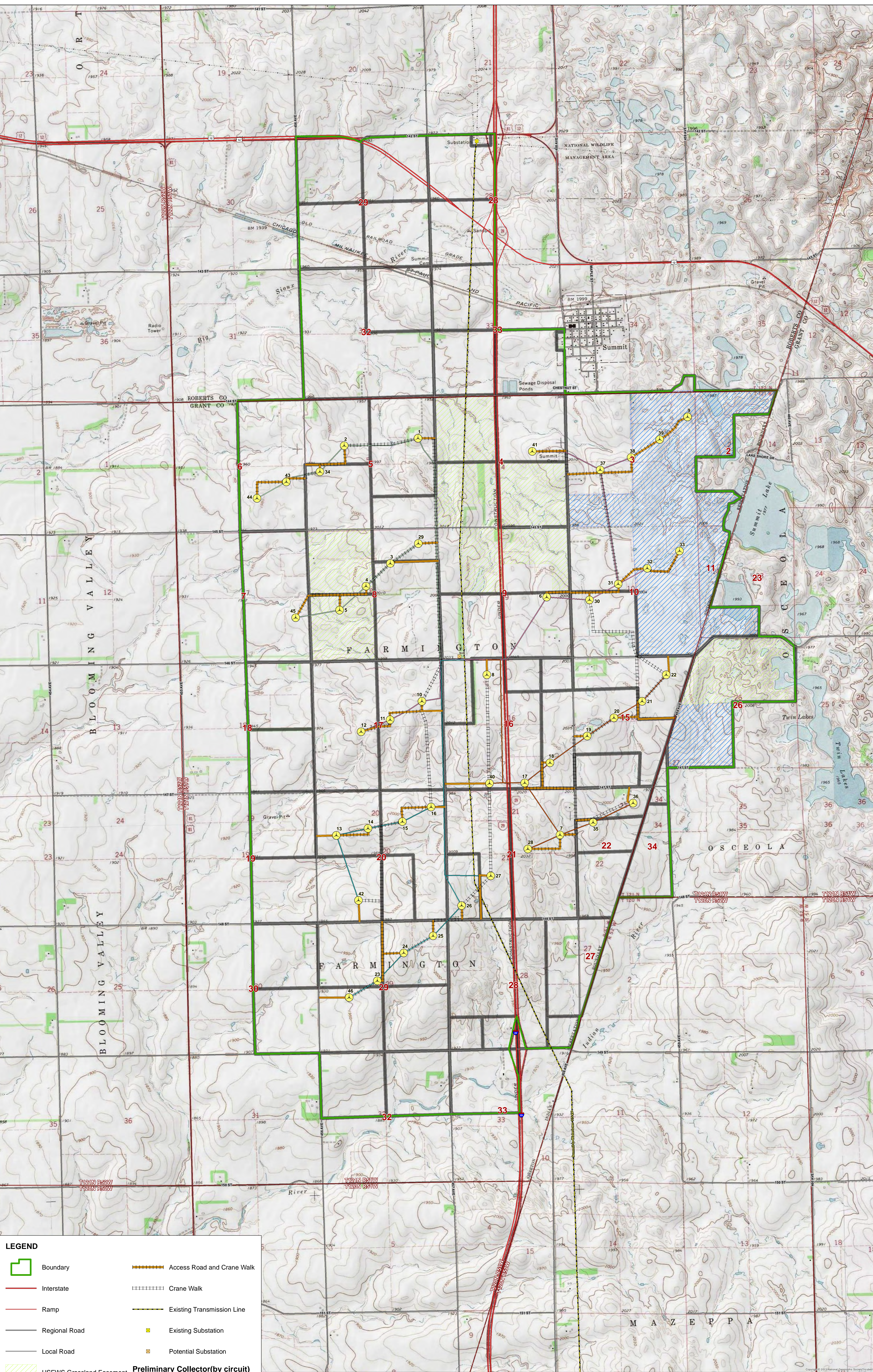
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Boundary

Interstate

Ramp

Regional Road

Local Road

USFWS Grassland Easement

USFWS Wetland Easement

Parcel

Wind Turbine Location

Access Road

Access Road and Crane Walk

Crane Walk

Existing Transmission Line

Existing Substation

Potential Substation

1

2

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4

Preliminary Collector(by circuit)

SummitWind Farm, LLC

SUMMITWIND FARM

GRANT AND ROBERTS COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA

FEBRUARY 2014 PRELIMINARY

ELECTRICAL / CIVIL SITE PLAN

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SummitWind Base Map All3 36x60.mxd

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Attachment 3 – Completed Sign-in Sheets



SummitWind Farm, LLC
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February 12, 2014 – Summit, South Dakota



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Attachment 4 – Photos

Attachment 4
SummitWind Public Scoping Meeting Photos
Wednesday, February 12th, 2014



Photos 1: Attendees at public scoping meeting.



Photo 2: Attendees at public scoping meeting



Photo 3: Attendees asking questions to project developers Scott Kuhlke and Russell Laplante



Photo 4: One of the two project maps available for review at the meeting.



Photo 5: Attendees asking Western representatives questions about the project.



Photo 6: Attendees reviewing project map.