

Appendix P. Scoping Materials

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

September 26, 2023
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1. Review/Change/Approve Agenda
Brienne Niedermeyer moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Brian Koenig, carried 5-0.

2. Budgetary Items from Incline
The board discussed notes from Incline and Genesee. The board talked about the following topics: Location of soil conditions, location of addition, shoring, commons share and size, bleachers, lighting, fire alarm, and raising or lowering dome floor.

3. Adjournment
Brian Koenig moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, seconded by Brienne Niedermeyer, carried 4-0.

President Secretary

September 6, 2023
The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the Logan-Magnolia Community School District was held on the above date at 6:00 P.M. in the high school media center. Roll call vote was answered by Board President Dan Cohrs, Vice President Julie Witte, Director Brian Niedermeyer, Director Nicole Carritt, and Director Brian Koenig. Superintendent Daniel Mikels, Secondary Principal Jacob Hedger, Elementary Principal Jill Kiger, Athletic Director Levi Ettelman, New Teachers Janet Brown, Hannah Turk, Dina Mitchell, Brandie Koenig, and Katelynn Meadows. Public that attended follow the minutes.

1. Review/Change/Approve Agenda
Nicole Carritt moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Brienne Niedermeyer, carried 5-0.

2. Approve Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statements
Julie Witte moved to approve the prepaid bills, board bills, financial statements, and minutes of August 10, 2023, and August 15, 2023, meetings. The motion was seconded by Brian Niedermeyer, discussion carried 5-0.

3. A. Correspondence
No correspondence.

4. B. Public Speakers
Don Blackford, Pat Cook, Scott Thomas, and Rebecca Wilkerson spoke to the board about the PPSL vote. Other topics discussed included the purchase of the old bond property and sharing expenses of coaches. The presenters spoke about the current project and how costs are going up and that increased costs are a district problem not a taxpayer problem. There was a concern over other financial issues concerning the public that might cause some issues for the County Supervisors.

5. Administrators' Directors' Reports
Athletic Director Levi Ettelman spoke to the board about coaching girls wrestling, softball and their assistants. Another topic discussed was buying a banner printer for the district. Superintendent Tom Ridder.

The school year is off to a great start. Even though the heat caused by some issues at the beginning of the year, mainly A-KC issues, our students and staff handled it well.

The student count for this year is up around 10 students. The district will have official numbers after the October 1st count date.

The electric buses should be arriving around November 1st. Midwest Mechanical has installed wiring up to the building and will be the inside work in the bus barn soon. They will also pour concrete for the base of the chapters which arrived last month. Thomas Bus will be training our bus drivers on the difference between driving the electric bus and the traditional bus when the

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electric buses get here.
School positions have been filled across all areas. After approval of the board, the final cook and paraeducators will be hired. Mr. Ridder feels very good about the new employees for the new school year. All are quality individuals, and they really want to work at Logan-Magnolia.

Elementary Principal Jill Kiger
Curriculum
The elementary's new literacy curriculum is underway. Teachers like the layout and are finding more tools each day. In 6th grade, the students use their chrombook to complete tasks and items are automatically pulled forward for students to continue working on in the next lesson. Vocabulary instruction is explicit, and the first assessment is underway in several grades.

We'll begin FAST assessments later in September.

Newly hired teachers:
The new teachers here to meet with you include: Janet Brown, Hannah Turk, Dina Mitchell, Brandie Koenig, and Katelynn Meadows.
26/53 students scored advanced in math on ISASP Spring 2023.
22/53 students scored advanced in math on ISASP Spring 2023.

86% of fifth graders are proficient in math on ISASP Spring 2023.
71% of sixth graders are proficient in math on ISASP Spring 2023.
Actual enrollment numbers as of 9/1/23
PK-3/24
PK-4/51
TV-8
K-38
1-60
2-51
3-49
4-54
5-50
6-40

Secondary Principal Jacob Hedger

General Information
• School Safety
• Perfection Press - alternative evacuation site

• Monthly drill schedule set
• Concerns over new legislation and mental health

• EOP
• Minor updates
• Needs School Board approval and signatures

• New social media position - Outstanding improvement and lots of compliments (THANK YOU!)

• She is teaching a new course as well (23 students over 4 class periods)

• Academic Information
• Professional Development
• Instructional Framework
• Staff working on Professional Growth Plans

• Academic Banquet - Honored 66 students
• Guest Speaker: Jessica Johnson (YR6)

• ISASP
• Parent communication coming soon.

• Secondary reports
• Spanish Exchange Program (8 students - two weeks)

• Science Lab
• Additional time for JH students to get support in Science class.

• Field attendance based upon needs of students
• Extracurricular Activities

• Homecoming - September 22
• Jersey Auction - September 17 (5:00 start)

• Community Pep rally - September 21
• Dance - September 23

• Home Cross Country meet was a success. (Though a few runners may not have fully enjoyed the experience.)

• Volleyball - First home match - HUGE crowd.

• Online ticketing is successful so far.

• Football - still to play at home, but the team gets several home games over the last half of the season.

S.A. Contracts
Nicole Carritt moved to offer a contract to Sheri Dwyer as a cook for the FY23-24 for \$13.00 per hour, seconded by Brian Koenig, carried 5-0.

Nicole Carritt moved to offer a contract to Sierra Jacobson as elementary paraeducator for the FY23-24 for \$13.00 per hour, seconded by Brian Niedermeyer, carried 5-0.

Nicole Carritt moved to offer a contract to Sarah Wright as second paraeducator for the FY23-24 for \$14.00 per hour, seconded by Brian Niedermeyer, carried 5-0.

Hudt contract will be looked at the October meeting.

S.A. Open Enrollment
The following open enrollments were presented to the board.

To Woodbine CSD for FY 23-24
Tim Gale - one student
From Woodbine CSD for FY 23-24
John and Kari Neiss - one student

S.C. Fundraiser
Nicole Carritt moved to approve the fundraiser as presented, seconded by Brian Niedermeyer, carried 5-0.

S.D. Policy Updates
Brienne Niedermeyer moved to approve the updates with changes to the policies as presented while tabling 68.1, seconded by Julie Witte, carried 5-0.

Nicole Carritt moved to update the emergency operation plan, seconded by Brian Niedermeyer, carried 5-0.

S.E. Building Project
Mr. Ridder, Dan, and Julie discussed the meeting with Genesis and Incline. Julie updated the board on the bond building meeting.

S.F. Personnel (Closed Session)
Nicole Carritt moved to go into closed session at 7:45 pm according to Section 21.5 of the Code of Iowa for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue, seconded by Julie Witte. Roll call vote: Dan Cohrs, aye; Brienne Niedermeyer, aye; Julie Witte, aye; Nicole Carritt, aye; Brian Koenig, aye; Motion carried 5-0.

S. Board Reports
Next Regular Board Meeting Wednesday October 4, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

S. Adjournment
Brienne Niedermeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 P.M., seconded by Brian Koenig, carried 5-0.

President Secretary

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Region XII Council of Governments, Inc.
DRAFT POLICY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 12, 2023

Region XII COW, 1099 East Anthony Street, Carroll IA
22/53 students scored advanced in math on ISASP Spring 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Thompson, Tott, Jacobson, Scott Johnson, Seidl, Carlson, Heiden, Miley, Riley, Smith, Brian Johnson, Drake. Staff members present were Rick Hunsaker, Executive Director, Mark Thomas, Fiscal Officer, Chris Whitaker, Local Assistance Director, and Matt Cleveland, Transit Director. Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting. Seidl seconded. Motion carried. Muir asked the board if any members had a conflict of interest in regards to the agenda items. There were none reported. Reports for each department were given. Scott Johnson moved and Carlson seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA MCKILLIP, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of BARBARA MCKILLIP, Deceased, who died on or about May 22, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on 10/5/2023 the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur at 30 days from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim thereafter forever barred.

Dated on 10/5/2023, REBECCA STEINBAUGH, Administrator of the Estate 889 BATTERY RD LA VISTA, NE 68128

George C. Blazek, JCS# AT011798 Attorney for the Administrator Lohman, Reitz, Sailer, Ulrich & Blazek 1221 Broadway, Suite 300 PO Box 248 Denison, IA 51442

Date of second publication October 25, 2023.

Probate Code Section 230

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 3, 2023
The special monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the Logan-Magnolia Community School District was held on the above date at 12:07 P.M. in the Superintendent Office. Roll call vote was answered by Board President Dan Cohrs via phone, Vice President Julie Witte, Director Brienne Niedermeyer via Zoom, Director Nicole Carritt via Zoom, and Director Brian Koenig via Zoom. Superintendent Tom Ridder, Business Manager Daniel Mikels.

Dan Cohrs joined the meeting in person at 12:12.

J. Cohrs' Next
The board discussed the crowd's next project. Dan Cohrs made the motion to put 50% of the cost up to \$75,000.00 of the project, seconded by Brian Koenig discussed, carried 5-0.

A. Adjournment
Brian Koenig moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm, seconded by Nicole Carritt, carried 5-0.

President Secretary

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October 3, 2023
The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 o'clock A.M. with Ty Rosburg, chairman presiding. Members present were Schultz, Dozark, Rosburg, Muhlbauer, and Heiden.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Board approved the change of wages for Daymon Schinde, Road Foreman, Engineer's Department.

A motion was made by Schultz, seconded by Heiden to approve the Plans and Specifications for Bridge Replacement Project No. BRS-0204(31)-60-34, Bridge Replacement Project over small stream on County Road E.L. North Line Sec. 21 T8N, R14W.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Heiden, seconded by Muhlbauer to approve the tax abatement of 1673 Boyer Blvd, Deloit - Tyler and Mackenzie Collins - new house.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dozark, seconded by Schultz to approve the tax abatement of 3291 360th St, Manilla - Chad and Ericka Muhlbauer - new house.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board had a discussion about PTO transition.

The Board had a discussion about the 37.5-hour work week and computing comp time.

The Board had a discussion about the Employee Handbook and Policy Manual.

On motion duly seconded the Board adjourned at 11:33 o'clock A.M.

Agendas for the next meeting are posted and available at the Courthouse on Friday at 4:30 o'clock P.M. preceding the next meeting.

County Auditor
Chairperson

PROBATE NOTICES

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR HARRISON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK T. MCDONOUGH, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mark T. McDonough, Deceased, who died on or about August 24, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on the 25th day of September, 2023, the last will and testament of Mark T. McDonough, deceased, bearing the date of November 10, 2017, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Matthew McDonough was appointed executor of the estate.

Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated this 26th day of September, 2023.

Matthew McDonough, Executor
123 Sunset Drive
Underwood, Iowa 51576

Bill Bracker
Attorney for Executor
236 South Sixth Street
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501
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IOWA DISTRICT COURT, CARROLL COUNTY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR CARROLL COUNTY
K.A.A.
A Child
TO: Ruperto Alcala;

You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the above court, a petition in the above-entitled action, which prays the child in interest be found to have committed a delinquent act. The Petitioner is the State of Iowa whose attorney is Carroll County Attorney John C. Wenden by Assistant County Attorney Curt S. Steger and whose address is 823 N Main Street, Carroll, Iowa 51401.

You are further notified that a hearing, to determine whether the child in interest has committed a delinquent act as alleged in the Petition pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 232, shall be held before the Juvenile Court on the 23rd day of October, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Carroll County Courthouse in Carroll, Iowa.

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Iowa Judicial Branch Case No. **JUV039553**

County **Carroll**

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/s/ Shelley Bass (#37081)

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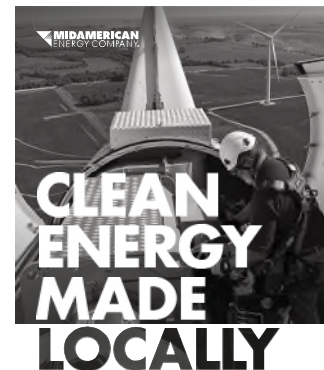
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October 16, 2023

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An open house public scoping meeting will be held to provide an opportunity for interested parties to discuss the Project with resource specialists and to submit comments. The meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. central daylight time (CDT) at the Boulders Event Center at 2507 Boulders Drive in Denison, Iowa. Silver Queen will provide light refreshments. The meeting location is handicapped accessible.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- **By mail to:**
Western Area Power Administration
Attn: Mr. John Russell
Environmental Manager
2900 4th Avenue North
PO Box 35800
Billings, MT 59101-1266
- **By email to:** NEPA@wapa.gov with "Silver Queen Comment" in the subject line
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- **In person at the public scoping open house meeting:**
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Boulders Event Center
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Denison, Iowa

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<https://www.wapa.gov/regions/UGP/Environment/Pages/Silver-Queen-Wind-Farm.aspx>

Sincerely,

John Russell
Environmental Manager

Enclosures (2):
Project Overview Map
Comment Form

Silver Queen Wind Project
Public Scoping Comments

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Please Print Contact Information Below:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Organization (if applicable):</u>
<u>E-mail Address (optional):</u>	<u>Daytime Phone No. (optional):</u>
<u>Street Address:</u>	<u>City / State / Zip Code:</u>

- ☐ Please e-mail me the web link to the NEPA document when it becomes available (quickest and preferred method).
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Please Share Comments, Questions, or Concerns Below (continue on separate sheet if necessary):

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An agency scoping meeting will be held virtually via a Zoom Webinar to provide an opportunity for interested parties to discuss the Project with resource specialists and submit comments. The meeting will be held on Monday, October 30th, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. central daylight time (CDT). Instructions for attending the virtual meeting are attached. A public scoping open house meeting will also be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at the Boulders Event Center at 2507 Boulders Drive in Denison, Iowa from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CDT. Agency staff are welcome to attend that meeting in-person, if desired.

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- **During the virtual agency scoping meeting:**
October 30, 2023
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Online via Zoom Webinar

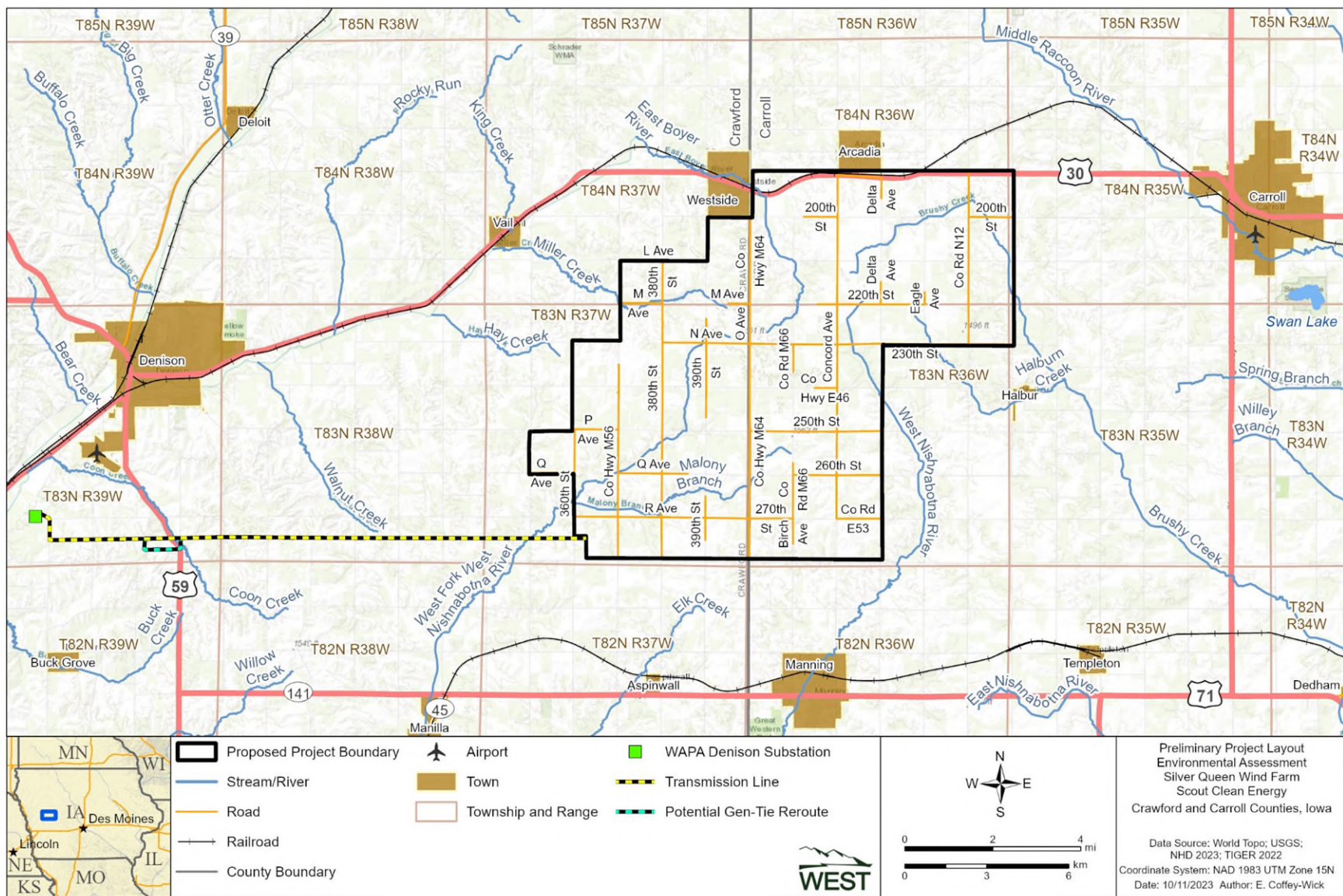
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Environmental Manager

Enclosures (3):
Project Overview Map
Comment Form
Virtual Meeting Instruction Sheet



Silver Queen Wind Project

Agency Scoping Comments

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Instructions for the Online Virtual Agency Scoping Meeting Silver Queen Wind Farm Project Environmental Assessment

The meeting will be a Zoom Webinar. Please review the following instructions, tips, and protocols below in advance of the meeting.

Virtual Meeting Instructions:

Those interested in participating in the virtual meeting can do so in two ways, both of which will provide opportunities to make comments:

1. **Video:** Joining by computer, smartphone, or tablet will allow participants to both see and hear the presentation. We encourage users to test the connection prior to the event to ensure best results.
 - For computer users, Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox gives the best results.
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2. **Audio:** Joining by phone will allow participants to hear the presentation but not see it.



Agency Scoping Meeting

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm CDT, Monday, October 30th, 2023

Zoom link for video (preferred):

<https://west-inc.zoom.us/j/88431652248>

Passcode: 389008

Zoom call-in number:

(+1) 669-900-6833


Meeting ID: 884 3165 2248

Virtual Meeting Tips:

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- The meeting will be recorded for note-taking purposes.

Meeting Protocols:

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- The meeting will begin with introductions and a presentation.
- Following the presentation, attendees can ask questions or submit a formal comment by “raising their hand” to ask a question or comment verbally, or use the Zoom Q&A tool for written questions and comments. Q&A 

For those joining by phone only, press *9 on your phone keypad to raise your hand to be called on to speak.

- If submitting a comment verbally or via the Zoom Q&A tool, WAPA requests that you provide your name and the agency you represent.
- Communications from agencies regarding this project, including commenters' names, will become part of the public record. If you wish for WAPA to withhold your name and/or other personally identifiable information, please state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets.
- Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered.
- Comments posted after the close of the designated comment period (ending November 29) will be accepted but may not be able to be given full consideration.
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Welcome to the Proposed Silver Queen Wind Farm Public Scoping Meeting

November 1, 2023, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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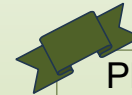
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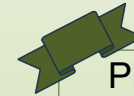
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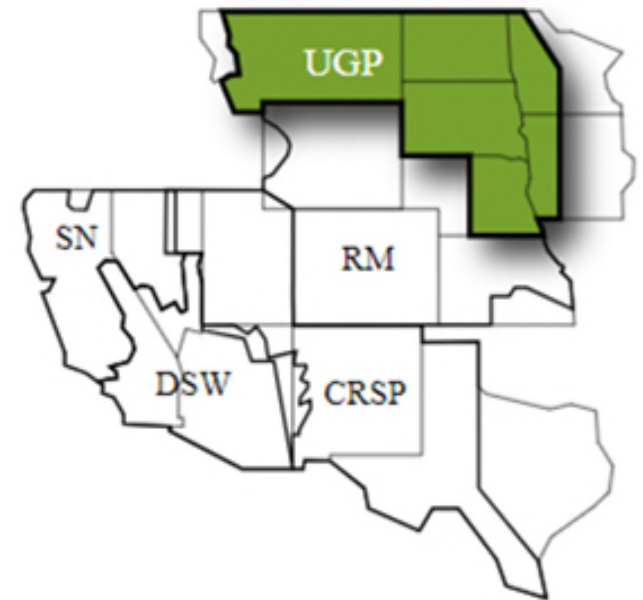
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Western Area Power Administration Upper Great Plains Region

- The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is one of four power marketing administrations within the U.S. Department of Energy.
- WAPA's mission is to safely provide reliable, cost-based hydropower and electrical transmission to our customers and the communities we serve across a 15-state region in the central and western United States.
- The Upper Great Plains (UGP) Region is one of four regions of WAPA.
- The UGP Region sells power in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota to wholesale customers such as towns; rural electric cooperatives; public utility and irrigation districts; federal, state, and military agencies; Native American tribes; U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers customers.

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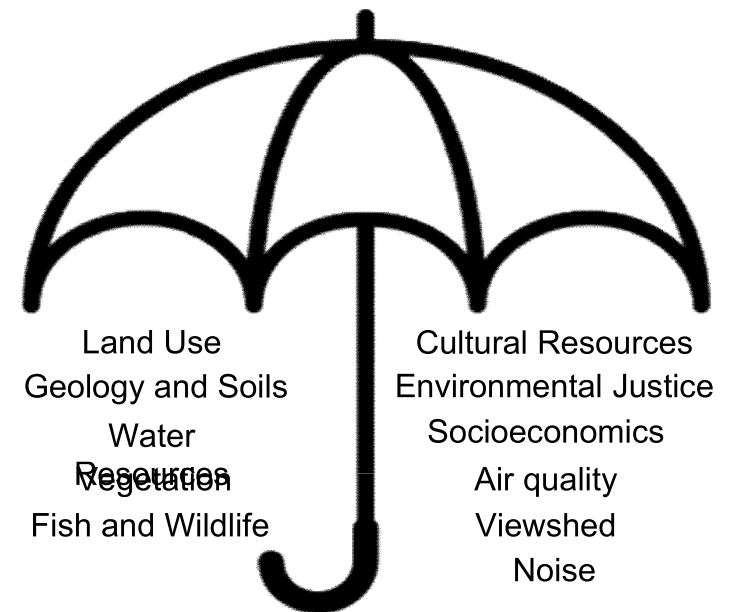


Silver Queen Wind Farm Project

Purpose of the Scoping Meeting

- Scout Clean Energy (Scout) has requested to interconnect its proposed Silver Queen Wind Farm Project in Carroll and Crawford Counties, Iowa with the Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA's) electrical transmission system.
- WAPA's decision to grant or deny the interconnection request is a federal action, which triggers the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal environmental laws.
- WAPA is preparing an environmental assessment tiered to the 2015 *Upper Great Plains Wind Energy Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (2015 PEIS) in compliance with NEPA to analyze potential resource impacts as a result of the interconnection.
- **As part of the NEPA process, WAPA is seeking public input on the Project to help identify potential resource issues and alternatives.**

NEPA Coverage



Tiered Environmental Assessment (EA) Process

Scoping

- Introduce the Project
- Receive preliminary feedback from interested parties (public, agencies, tribes, other)
- 30-day comment period:
Nov 1 – 29, 2023

Draft EA

- Describe the Project
- Address scoping comments
- Describe alternatives
- Characterize the resources
- Analyze impacts (as tiered to the 2015 PEIS)
- 30-day comment period

Final EA

- Respond to Draft EA comments
- Revise EA, as necessary
- Determine whether an environmental impact statement or Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate

November 2023

November - June 2024

July - September 2024

- **Endangered Species Act (ESA)**
 - Governs impacts to federally listed threatened or endangered species.
 - Section 7 requires federal agencies to consult or conference with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding potential impacts of a federal action to species that are federally listed threatened or endangered, proposed for listing, or candidates for listing; as well as designated or proposed critical habitat.
- **Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)**
 - Prohibits the killing, incidental or otherwise, of native migratory birds, along with other specified impacts.
- **Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA)**
 - Prohibits the killing or disturbance, incidental or otherwise, of a bald eagle or golden eagle, along with other specified impacts.
- **National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)**
 - Governs impacts to federally designated historic properties
 - Section 106 requires federal agencies to consult with the State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers on potential impacts of a federal action to historic properties
- **Clean Water Act (CWA)**
 - Regulates impacts to designated Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS).



Silver Queen Wind Farm Project Description

PROJECT NAME	SILVER QUEEN WIND FARM
Project Location	Crawford and Carroll Counties, Iowa
Proposed Project Area	The Silver Queen Wind Farm will be about 5 miles west of Carroll, Iowa on private land. The Proposed Project Area encompasses about 41,948 acres, but only specified properties of participating landowners will be part of the Project. The primary land uses are cultivated crops and associated agricultural uses.
Energy Production and Project Components	Up to 77 wind turbines producing up to 252 megawatts; underground communication and power collection systems, a Project substation, access roads, an operation and maintenance facility, up to two meteorological towers, and an overhead transmission line.
Electrical Transmission Interconnection Point	WAPA's existing Denison Substation is about 5 miles south of Denison, Iowa.
Project History	Scout began working with landowners and state and local agencies in 2017 to vet the potential for a wind farm in the area. We initiated wildlife surveys and environmental analyses in 2017, and submitted two interconnection requests to WAPA in 2017 and 2018.
Site Control	The first Project leases were executed in late 2016, with the majority of the site currently under lease. The project currently has ~220 Wind Leases, ~45 Good Neighbor Agreements, and ~75 Transmission Easements, totaling ~350 Landowners.
Projected Milestones:	NEPA Completion: Q3 of 2024; Construction: Q2 2025; Operations: Q4 2026



Silver Queen Wind Farm Economic Benefits Overview

<i>Local Taxing Authority</i>	<i>Dollars to Taxing Authority Over 35 Years</i>	<i>Average Annual Revenue</i>
Crawford County (Rural Basic, Rural Supplemental, General Basic, General Supplemental, Debt Service)	\$ 12,564,657	\$ 358,990
Crawford County Assessor	\$ 469,107	\$ 13,403
Crawford County Other (Ag. Extension, Hospital, & TB)	\$ 2,447,890	\$ 69,940
Crawford County Area School	\$ 1,237,550	\$ 35,359
Carroll County (Rural Services Basic, General Basic, General Supplemental, Debt Service)	\$ 12,154,472	\$ 347,271
Carroll County Assessor	\$ 449,300	\$ 12,837
Carroll County Other (Ag. Extension & TB)	\$ 283,728	\$ 8,107
Carroll County Area School	\$ 1,347,248	\$ 38,493
Ar-We-Va Community Schools	\$ 19,613,127	\$ 560,375
IKM Manning Community Schools	\$ 9,318,097	\$ 266,231
Hayes Township	\$ 586,277	\$ 16,751
Westside Township	\$ 31,177	\$ 891
Arcadia Township	\$ 68,292	\$ 1,951
Washington Township	\$ 558,231	\$ 15,949
	\$ 61,129,153	\$ 1,746,547

**Preliminary Total Estimated Tax Revenue*

Jobs

- 300-400 Temporary Construction Jobs
- 8-10 Permanent Operations Jobs

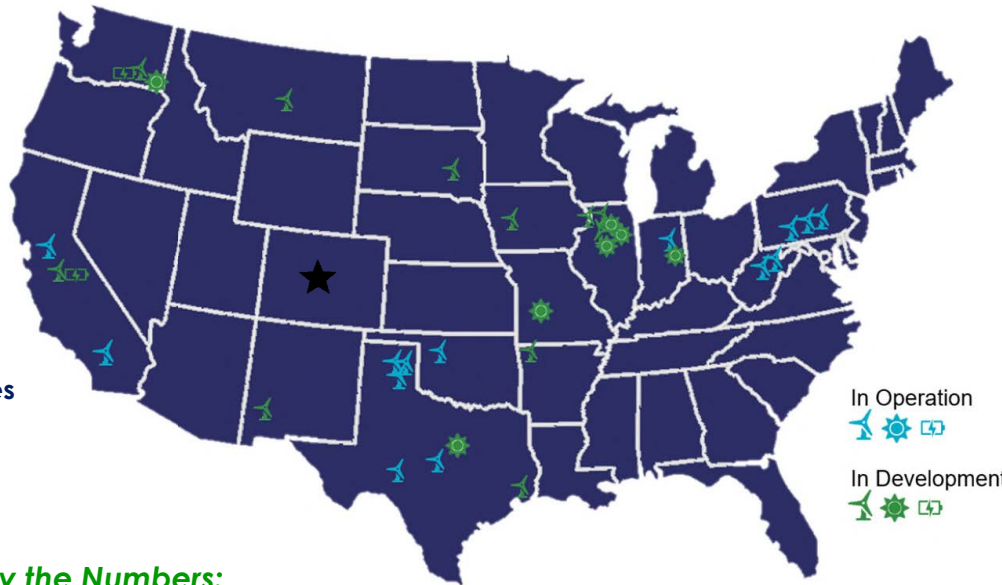
Landowner Total Payments

- Development Rent Payments
 - ~\$400,000/year
- Construction Payments
 - ~\$800,000
- Operations Rent Payments
 - ~\$900,000/year

Introduction to Scout Clean Energy

★ Scout HQ:
Boulder, CO

- Developer, Owner, and Operator of Renewable Assets
- Full-Service Platform
- 130+ Full-Time Employees



Scout Clean Energy by the Numbers:

1,234 MW

Managed Capacity

5 Scout Wind Projects (843 MW)
15 Third-Party Wind Projects (391 MW)

**\$1+
billion**

Tax Equity and Project
Financings Executed

100%

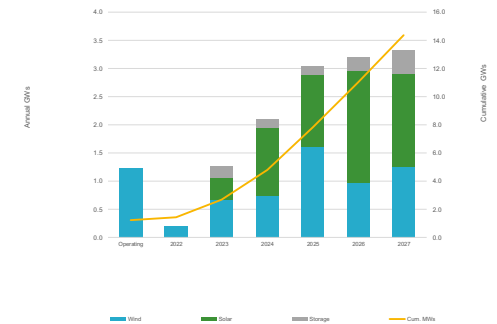
Construction Projects
Reached COD On-Time
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20+ GW

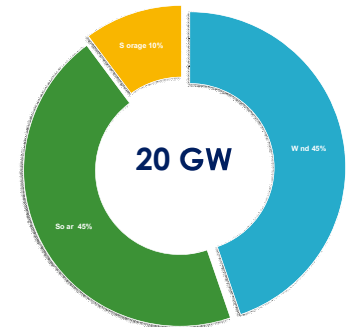
Development Pipeline

Wind, Solar & Storage
Projects across 24 states

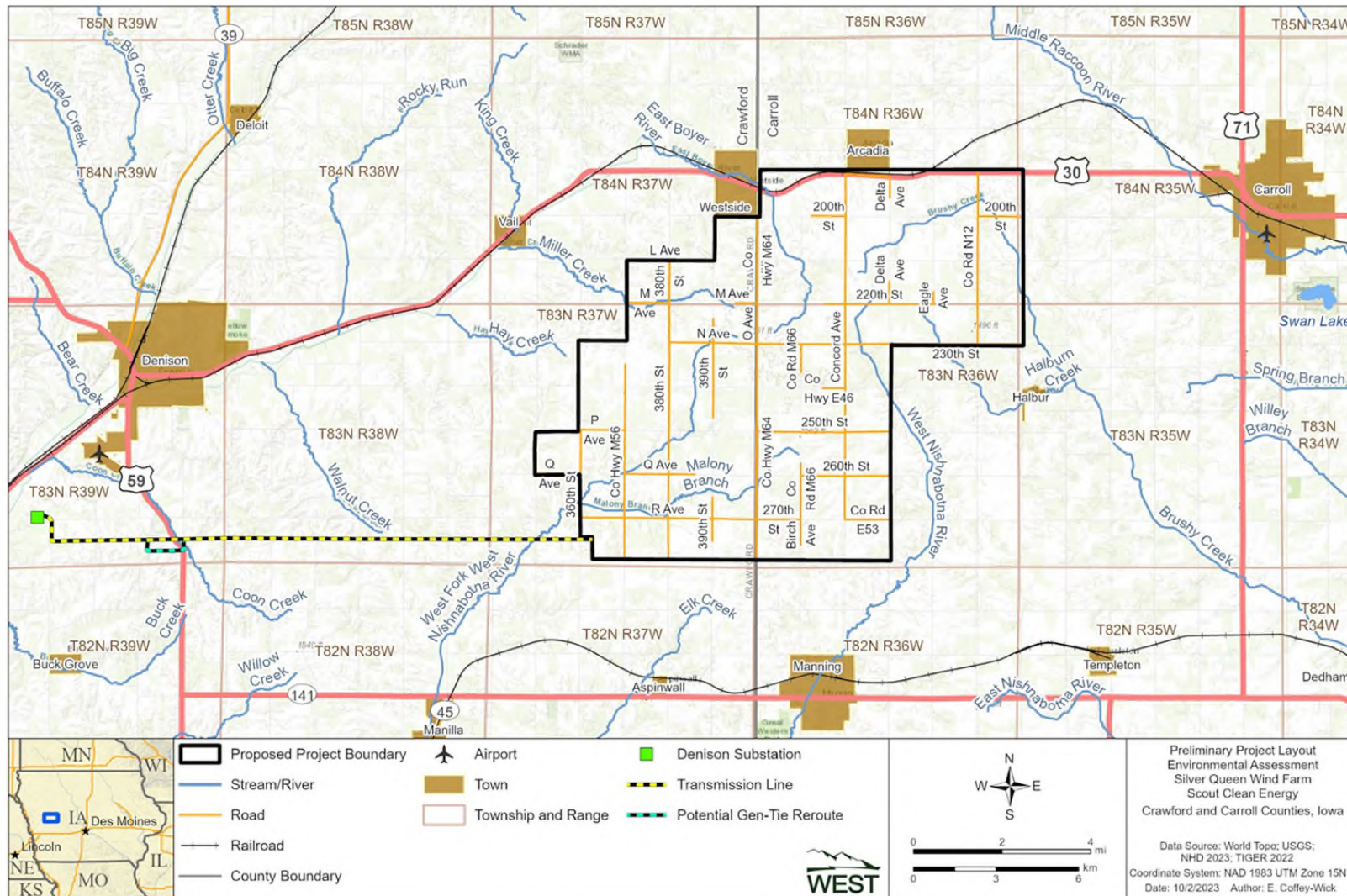
Scout Construction Pipeline



Technology Breakout



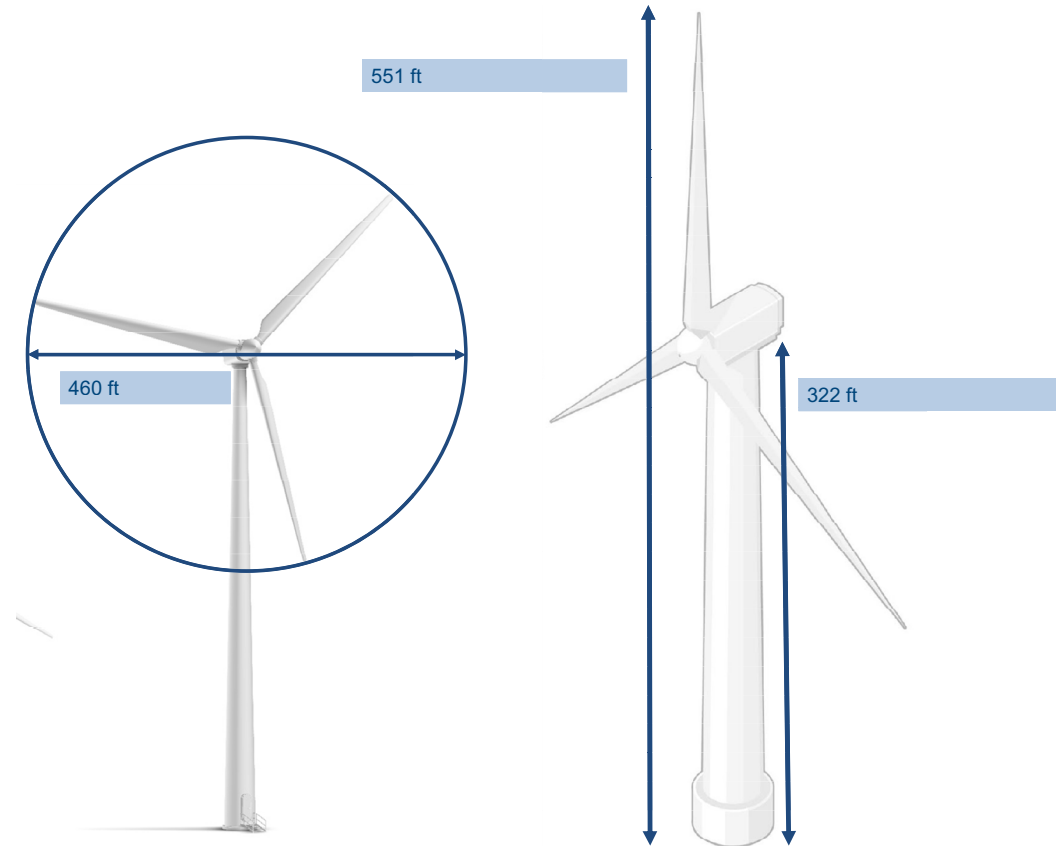
Silver Queen Wind Farm Location Map



Silver Queen Wind Farm – Turbine Specifications

Turbine Specs

- GE 3.4 model (3.4 megawatts/turbine)
- Rotor Diameter: 460 ft
- Tip Height: 551 ft
- Tower/Hub Height: 322 ft
- Up to 77 turbines, 252-megawatt total generating capacity



Silver Queen Wind Farm Construction Process Overview



Construct Lay-down Yard



Build Turbine Access Roads



Construct Substation



Install Foundations



Install Electrical Collection



Erect Wind Turbines



Test and Commission Systems



Energize Wind Turbines



Site Restoration

Noise

- A study has been conducted to minimize turbine sound impacts to occupied residences

Visual

- A Shadow Flicker study has been conducted to minimize turbine sound impacts to occupied residences
- A Visualization study will be conducted to minimize visual impacts

General Siting Studies

- Microwave signals, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, AM/FM radio signals, television signals, land mobile and emergency services, GPS, and wireless
- These studies help us responsibly site the wind turbines as we finalize our engineering and design



Birds

- Eagle and Raptor Nest Surveys: 2017, 2024 (pending)
- Large and Small Bird Use Surveys: 2017 – 2020

Bats

- Bat Presence/Absence Acoustic Surveys: 2017, 2021
- Bat Activity Surveys: 2018
- Bat Acoustic Qualitative Assessment: 2023
- Habitat Desktop Assessment: 2023

Wetlands and Waterbodies

- Wetland Delineation: Fall 2023

General Habitat

- Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy (BBCS): Fall 2023
- Site Characterization Study: Fall 2023



Cultural Studies and Tribal Coordination

Historic Properties / Properties of Traditional Religious & Cultural Importance

- Archival Review: Summer/Fall 2023
- Phase I Archaeological Field Survey: Fall 2023
- Viewshed Analysis: Fall 2023
- Government-to-Government (Tribal) Consultation: Summer 2023 (ongoing)
- National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation: Summer 2023 (ongoing)

Study Parameters

- Indirect Impacts (visual & audible) Analysis Area: 2 miles
- Direct Impacts (physical) Survey Area:
 - 250-foot radius from the center point of turbines
 - Substation or collector station footprint plus 200-foot buffer
 - Operation & Maintenance facility footprint plus 125-foot buffer
 - 125-foot-wide corridor centered on overhead transmission lines
 - 100-foot-wide corridor centered on collector lines and access roads
 - Laydown/staging area footprints



Permitting and Consultation Timeline

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Federal Consultation

NHPA Section 106 and government-to-government consultation
Public scoping meeting
Public scoping 30-day comment period
Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation
Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) published
Draft EA 30-day public comment period
Final EA and decision document published

November 2023
November 1 – 29, 2023
November / December 2023
May 2024
May – June 2024
September 2024

Iowa Utilities Board (IUB)

Public informational meeting
IUB franchise petition submitted
Additional public informational meeting
IUB public hearing
IUB approval

March 5, 2020
March 31, 2021

Q3 2024
Q4 2024

Surveys

Bird, eagle, and bat field surveys
Bat acoustic analysis & BBCS
Wetland delineation
Historic properties archival review, and cultural and historic resources field surveys
Sound and shadow flicker studies
Construction start
Commercial operation

2017 – 2024
Fall 2023
November 2023
October / November 2023
Summer/Fall 2023
April 2025
October 2026