

Dear Mr. Kayes:

Hello. I'm Bill Street, farmer and citizen of Grant County. I just want to make a couple points on how I think the zoning ordinances for Wind Energy Systems (WES) should be changed and adjusted without impacting economic development in Grant County. We want economic development to be responsible development.

There are property rights for people who want wind energy. They have a right to have wind turbines. These property owners are Participants in wind energy.

You also have residents who do not get or want turbines. They also have property rights. These property owners are the Non-participants.

Non-participants have to be protected from having the turbines too close to their property, which results in adverse effects: noise, flicker of night lights, and shadow flicker. A farmer has a crop and he can spray it, but he dare not let spray drift affect a neighbor's susceptible crop. In other words, let's have respect for our neighbors.

This leads to setbacks for turbines. The WES companies have setback distances, even on residences of Participants. What is needed is decent setback distances for Non-participants. I want to suggest this:

1. Turbines spaced one mile from Non-Participants' residences.
2. Turbines spaced the distance of the safety zone from Non-participants' property line. This could vary depending on the size of tower. Putting the safety zone of a turbine on the Non-participant is encroachment, basically borrowing land from the neighbor. If the neighbor signs off and/or is paid, that is fine. It's taken care of.

There's no reason we can't create a two-tier system of setbacks. The WES already has setbacks in place for participants. The zoning ordinance needs to be put in place the setback distances for Non-participants, which were stated previously. This gives the Non-participants the respect they deserve and yet allows the WES plenty of spots to put their turbines on Participants' property. The

property rights of both parties are respected. We, as Non-participants, want our aesthetic rights respected. To be protected from the noise, night-time flicker, and daytime shadow flicker of these giant looming towers.

Also, I don't feel ten days is enough notice for a hearing for a permit by a WES. There should be three weekly notices in the official newspaper starting 21 days in advance of a hearing. This should give sufficient time for those who want their voices heard.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss these issues, please feel free to contact me at (605) 467-0325.

Respectfully,

Bill Street