

Dear Grant County Zoning Board

We are asking that the board move the setbacks for a wind turbine to be at least three quarters of a mile from the property line of a non-participant landowner. We feel if you only use the residence as an acceptable setback, you are keeping the landowner from ever expanding their property for future building of any type and from planting any trees on their own property!!! The setback should be from the property line, NOT the residence.

As far as the noise level, if it is 40-45 decibels at the property line, the board needs to police it and have the authority, in writing, to make the Wind Corporation shut them down until they are repaired!

When attending meetings over the last couple of months, we've heard setbacks of 1000'-1500' from a residence when the Wind Corporation's own safety zone for their employees is 1640' if there is any emergency situation...that's the distance for them to evacuate. Why would you allow a turbine to be built that close to a residence?? We should not have to evacuate our home because of a fire or explosion with a turbine!

We also feel that the board should try to protect the wildlife and birds. We have 2 nesting Bald Eagles within 1 ½ miles of Troy ( Crooked ) Lake and another nest just south of the Grant County line by Round Lake. We have many Eagles that migrate through in the spring as well. We have thousands of Canadian Geese and Snow Geese that migrate here in the spring and fall and a lot of the Canadian Geese stay all summer. We have many Pelicans, Sandhill Cranes and other birds that we watch soaring on the warm currents all summer!! We have a lot of Game, Fish & Parks and Federal Wildlife land in our area as well as wild land and grassland easements on a number of farm properties. For these reasons we are asking for a 3 mile setback around our lakes. If we don't protect our wildlife, who will??! I don't know why this board can't put boundaries in certain areas! It's not only county people that are affected by these turbines, there are many people that travel through and enjoy seeing the beauty of the trees, crops, rolling hills and lakes as well as all the wildlife. We hope these turbines don't drive them away. After talking with people that live in the area around Toronto and Estelline, we know that it will!! We cherish looking out our window at the beauty. We know some of the beauty will still be here but with a 500' spinning blade it will definitely be a distraction and our beautiful landscape will be gone FOREVER!!!

Thank you,  
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