

Wind Turbines and Prairie Central School Funding

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Prairie Central CUSD #8 Levies (Rates from 2014 Levy)

Levy	Current Tax Rate	Maximum Tax Rate?
Education	3.3%	Yes – Include
Operations/Maintenance	0.5%	Yes – Include
Transportation	0.2%	Yes – Include
Working Cash	0.05%	Yes – Include
Life Safety	0.05%	Yes – Include
Leasing	0.05%	Yes – Include
Special Education	0.04%	Yes – Include
IMRF	0.1579%	No – Do not Include
Social Security	0.1579%	No – Do not Include
Tort	0.3158%	No – Do not Include
Bonds	Varies	No – Do not Include

Example of Maximum Tax Rates

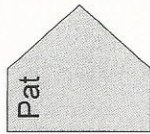


\$100,000
Assessed
Value



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For this taxing body, maximum tax rate of 5% of the \$200,000 total EAV. That means this taxing body can levy and then collect no more than \$10,000 total. Each homeowner would pay \$5,000 in Property Taxes.



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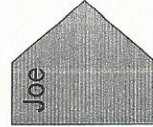
Another property is added to tax roles, and now the taxing body can levy and collect up to \$15,000 total. Each property would still pay \$5,000 in property taxes, but there is now a higher assessed value (\$300,000) to collect on.

For funds with no maximum tax rates, the taxing body "wins" with more assessed properties.

Example of No Max Tax Rates

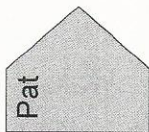


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For this taxing body, there no maximum tax rate. That means the taxing body will only levy and then collect whatever it is legally obligated to expend. If the taxing body levies for \$10,000, each home would pay \$5,000. Same as previous example.

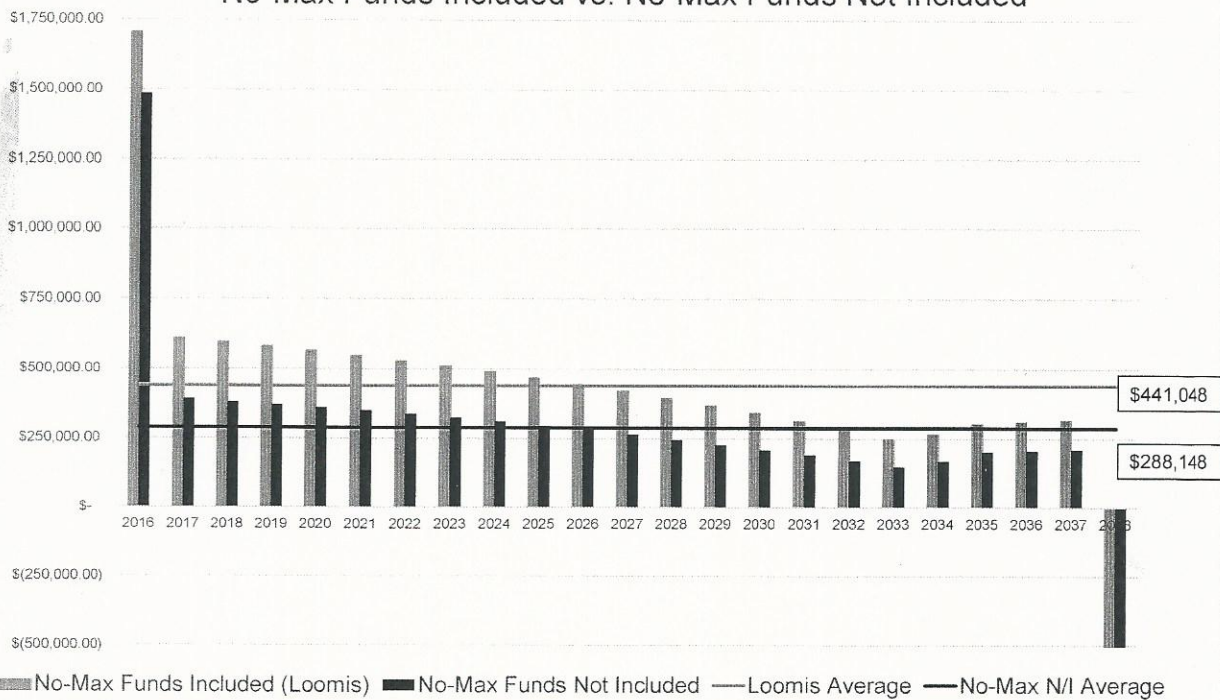


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Another property is added to tax roles but the taxing body will still only levy and collect \$10,000. Each property would now pay \$3,333 in property taxes, because the taxing body does not get to levy for more than their legal obligations.

The taxpayers "win" in this situation. The same amount of taxes are spread over a larger tax base, decreasing each person's share.

Projected Additional Monies to Prairie Central CUSD #8
No-Max Funds Included vs. No-Max Funds Not Included



“No-Max Funds” included in average (Loomis’): \$441,048

- Does not accurately reflect NEW money to the school district
- Even this over stated figure is still just 2% of the current \$22 million dollar budget

“No-Max Funds” not included average: \$288,140

- This is a better reflection of NEW money to the school district
- About 1.3% of the current \$22 million dollar annual budget

What if windfarm causes drop in attendance at Prairie Central?

- General State Aid is calculated based on Average Daily Attendance (ADA)
- ADA is not enrollment, it is number of kids that are present at school each day
- Families moving away will cause a decrease in ADA
- Students who are home sick or from lack of sleep will cause a decrease in ADA

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- 1% ADA decrease – about 20 students missing school on a given day
 - Simple example:
 - 3 families of 4 students moved from district
 - 4 students across district stay home because windmill lights and noise kept them awake all night
 - 4 students became sick because lack of sleep caused them to not be able to fight off illness or they suffered adverse health effects from wind turbines

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