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M. Dassow Exhibit #2

Subject: Re: Wind Farm

From:

Scott Petersen (scott.petersen802@gmail.com)

To:

megan_moore80@yahoo.com;

Date:

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 2:48 PM

Please bring it by the airport and I'll gladly sign it.

Scott

On Tue, Sep 2, 2014 at 1:45 PM, Megan Moore < megan moore 80@yahoo.com> wrote: Scott.

I apologize for the delayed response. My email has been flooded since word about the proposed wind energy project hit the street.

I am working with a group of people thoughout the county in an attempt to #1) hault the current wind farm project, #2) place a hold on any new wind energry applications and #3) get the county board to update our grossly outdated wind energy ordiance to increase setback among other things.

There is an Ag Zoning meeting tonight at the historic court house and many of us in opposition to anymore wind farm development in Livingston County will be in attendance. We have been attending every board meeting since we got word of this project. We have also recently been informed that as many as 3 other projects are in the works and would literally cover Livingston County.

Additionally, we are circulating a petition to urge the board to vote NO on the current application and to update the ordiance. If you would like to sign it or know of others that would like to show their support, I could bring it by your office.

Thank you for the information you provided me. It is unfair that our farming operations and businesses like yours will be negatively impacted by a project that we were never consulted on and had no knowlege of until AFTER the application was filed with the county.

Again, I appreciate your support. Megan Dassow

From: Scott Petersen <scott.petersen802@gmail.com>

To: megan moore80@yahoo.com

Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 9:03 AM

Subject: Wind Farm

Megan,

Brandon Sancken forwarded your e-mail to me regarding your concerns with the proposed wind farm in the Fairbury area. With the introduction of wind energy in Livingston County, a good portion of the acres that we used to treat can no longer be done with an aircraft. There is a small portion that we can treat but that comes at a higher cost to the grower as our application price increases due to the increased hazards presented while flying around the turbines. Increased prices range \$2-\$5 per acre for these applications. In some cases we will reject the entire field as we deem it too hazardous to fly around. There really is no hard

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and fast rule as the turbines are haphazardly scattered across the landscape and generally we have to make a determination when we show up to treat the field. If we can't treat, it can cause untimely delays in getting a crop treated. This can lead to crop loss and yield reduction.

I have argued against wind energy from the beginning as it directly impacts how I earn a living. I have seen first hand how the landscape changes forever once these are in place and I am not a fan. The power generated does not even stay here in Livingston Co and is sent down the line to the big cities. I have also seen the turbines hit by lightning and then a large crane has to be brought in again to remove the entire rotor and replace the blade. I also do not like that the majority of the companies people are leasing their ground to, are overseas entities and I think that should be a huge red flag. Also during construction of the wind farm east of the airport a few years ago, none of the structures were lighted until the project was completed. For several months, there were a lot of turbines sticking up in the night sky causing a very unsafe condition for aircraft flying in the area at night because pilots could not see or identify them. Nobody seems to care about this including the FAA.

I hope this has helped and if you need any further information you can contact me here at the office, 815-844-2707.

Scott Petersen Pontiac Flying Service