

Alternative Energy Committee – April 28, 2025 – 1:00 pm

Members present: Jerry Derr, John Santana, Lindsey Mader, Matt Schmahl, Matt Hasvold, Mary Williams, Jiggs O’Connell, Eileen Peterson, and Justin Uhrig

Others present: Jerry Mader – Landowner, Shannon Champion – DOE, Alan Anderson - Landowner, Rhea Crane – Meade County, Gary Derring – Meade County Commission

Discussion Notes:

Presentation on Taxation of Alternative Energy by Department of Equalization.

Meade County – 80 mW project – unknown number of acres.

Comments regarding siting of utility scale systems

Is capacity there for the utility?

Flat land – grasslands more appropriate for alternative energy

Economics of the market – Location marginal pricing

SPP Price Contour Map - <https://pricecontourmap.spp.org/pricecontourmap/>

BOC approve the CUP

BOC approve the Section Line improvements for large utility

Socioeconomic Impact Study

Radar issues with wind energy – are there impacts and if so, what are they?

Radar impacts for weather related issues

Flight patterns for Air Force or Airport

Higher Decommission Cost Bond

Higher Setbacks for the structures

Is there a way to attach a Bond to the land? *SAO question?*

Matt will set up a site visit to the Fall River solar site.

To Do:

Ask New Underwood Mayor to attend the next meeting.

Input from Ellsworth Development Authority and New Underwood school superintendent

Next Agenda: Ordinance Changes and Comp Plan Changes

Next Meeting: May 12, 2025 at 1:00 pm