



The Spirit of '76 - 50th Class Reunion

The Class of 1976 enjoyed good food and company at the Eagles on Friday, July 3, then met again on July 4 for the parade, throwing lots of candy and water balloons. They are planning a Sequel 50th Class Reunion during the Central North Dakota Steam Threshers Reunion September 18-20 for those who couldn't make it this past weekend. Pictured from left to right – front row: Cindy Wippering, Denette (Weber) Meehan, Diana (Ziegler) Norton, Susan Allmaras, Sandy (Schulz) Christianson; second row: Leonard Kaul, Sandy (Nygaard) Settlemeyer, Tom Hartl, Tim Hartl; third row: Renee (Flowers) Schwandt, Elaine (Rimmerid) Gehrtz, Michelle (Brost) Hollingsworth, Cheri (Schaffer) Fleming, Lynn Brost, Kate Whetham; back row: Ken Thompson, Pat Ritzke, Russell Dewey Allmaras, Steve Gehrtz, Doug "Cotton" Gilliss. Courtesy photo.

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PERMITS—

A dozen people spoke during the public hearing for Flickertail 1, and all but two of the speakers expressed support for the project. Nearly all who commented were residents and/or landowners in the project's footprint.

Kent Myhre, one of the original organizers of W-E Wind, LLC, a local grassroots organization pursuing wind energy development in the county since 2008, was among them. Myhre is a third generation farmer in Eddy County.

"I've lived here my whole life. I have served on many boards and have done so hoping it makes a difference in our community. One is the W-E Wind board," Myhre said.

He also noted W-E Wind's partnership with PRC Wind. "They have went above and beyond to make it right with most people ...," he said. "It's time to move forward and get this thing done. It has been a long time coming."

Sheyenne resident and Eddy County landowner Patti Larson spoke about the benefits for her community. "The economic opportunities are beyond my imagination ... Sheyenne would benefit so much from something like this," she said.

David Fite, a New Rockford Township resident who has filed four separate lawsuits against county and township officials in the past year, was back on the mic again. This time he requested that all the provisions of the development agreement be included as conditions of the permit's approval. He also asked that the county

put more teeth into local enforcement should nuisance complaints regarding noise or flicker arise.

Mollie Smith, outside counsel for Flickertail Wind, LLC, presented a resolution to the zoning commission for consideration during the discussion phase. The resolution outlined all the provisions of the development agreement, including the 1-mile setback from non-participating primary residences, the bond and the decommissioning standards, and effectively made them all conditions of the permit.

As for Fite's comment about local remedies for noise and flicker, Smith proposed including a provision that the state's Public Service Commission (PSC) should forward any complaints to county authorities to keep them abreast of such issues. As Smith explained, the PSC is the entity with which complaints are filed and who has the authority to enforce the standards for noise and flicker outlined in century code for wind energy projects.

If approved by the county commission, the resolution would be binding and follow the permit application, Smith added. That means that the terms would still apply and must be adhered to by the new owners should the developers transfer the project at any point.

Grandfield Township landowner Jay Hendrickson was among those who delivered testimony for the Flickertail 2 project. He quantified the local support, noting that 92% of the land in the footprint in Grandfield Township is secured by wind energy leases and 63-64% of

those leases were mailed to New Rockford or Sheyenne addresses. "It's time for us to be good neighbors and support this," Hendrickson concluded.

Once public testimony was complete for each hearing, the zoning commission made its recommendation to the county commission on whether to approve, deny or approve with conditions each permit application.

Zoning commission chair Stu Richter declared a conflict of interest for both Flickertail 1 and 2. He stated that he had signed a contract with PRC Wind for the Flickertail project, and noted that he was a board member and investor for W-E Wind, LLC, the local grassroots development organization who started the project 18 years ago.

Richter was unanimously granted the right to discuss and vote on the Flickertail 1 project; however, zoning commissioner Glenda Collier voted against allowing him to vote on Flickertail 2. Richter's land in the footprint is located in Grandfield Township, which is included in the Flickertail 2 application.

With conflicts aside, the zoning commission was unanimous in its recommendation to approve the Flickertail 1 permit with conditions as outlined in the resolution; the county commission in turn unanimously voted yes to approve the permit with those same conditions.

Commissioner Glenda Collier was the lone dissenter on the Flickertail 2 project. She stated that she voted no because she preferred that the projects were not separated. "I would like to see an all-in-one project," she said.

As they voted, each member of the zoning commission and then the county commission was given the opportunity to explain their decision.

Zoning commissioner Shauna Laber, a resident of New Rockford Township, made the motions to recommend approval of both permits with conditions. She said, "I move to approve, as this project and all of the documents support that they have followed all of our ordinances for Eddy County and are in compliance with our comprehensive plan."

Zoning commissioner Ian Gilley added, "I approve. Based on the submitted documents and testimony, it's clear that they've met all the requirements."

"The Flickertail project has gone above and beyond what they have done from the start of the project to where we are at today. They've jumped every hurdle possible," County Commission Chairman Dave Gehrtz said.

Paul White, CEO of PRC Wind, issued the following statement Thursday regarding the permits: "Eddy County's approval of the siting permits for Flickertail Wind 1 and Flickertail Wind 2 is an important milestone for the landowners and community members who have worked for nearly two decades to bring this opportunity forward. This is a generational opportunity – a rural, landowner-driven economic development project compatible with agriculture and designed to create long-term local value. These folks deserve real credit for engaging seriously, asking hard questions, and taking an active role in shaping their own

Community Calendar

EDDY COUNTY MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet on Monday, July 13 at noon in the church on the museum grounds.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the Eddy County Museum on Sunday, July 19 from 1-4 p.m. at the museum grounds. Come see the new exhibits. Free will donation. The ice cream social is part of the Wells-Eddy counties "Museum Crawl." On Saturday, July 18, the Manfred Museum (all of the settlers' village) and the Wells County Museum (on the fairgrounds in Fessenden) will be open to the public. The open hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Grab and go" refreshments will be provided.

NEW ROCKFORD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE on Monday, July 20 from 11:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in New Rockford. To schedule an appointment, go to donors.vitalant.org or contact MarJean Pfau at 701-302-0084.

EDDY COUNTY MUSEUM is open now until Labor Day weekend from 1-4 p.m. Please contact Merita at 701-947-2091 or Michelle at 701-302-0325 with any questions.

EDDY COUNTY ROD & GUN CLUB RANGE will be open to the public the first and third Saturday of each month from June to November. The range will be open from 1-4 p.m. on July 18. Contact Adnan at 701-947-2091 with any questions.

JULY ITEM OF THE MONTH at the Eddy County Hunger Free Food Pantry is cereal. Donations can be dropped off at First Lutheran Church, 436 1st Ave. N., New Rockford.

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RELAX & RETREAT MASSAGE offers massage therapy through VA Community Care Program. For more information, call 701-302-0325.

TOPS 370 is a weight loss support group. Meetings are on Mondays at 5 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in New Rockford. For more information call 701-947-2138.

COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE BOARD meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ambulance Hall, New Rockford.

LAKE REGION SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE support group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of North Star Community Credit Union, Devils Lake. For info call Theresa at 701-662-4790.

FOOT CARE CLINIC every third Wednesday of the month at Eddy County Public Health. Call 701-947-5311 for appointments. Cost is \$30.

EDDY-NEW ROCKFORD LIBRARY BOARD meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.

NEW ROCKFORD POST OFFICE has a new phone number, 701-505-8842. The office is open 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SHEYENNE POST OFFICE also has a new phone number, 701-404-1149. Open 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday - Friday.

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economic future. The project team now turns to the state permitting process and the remaining development steps in coordination with local officials, landowners, and community stakeholders."

The Eddy County Commission has scheduled a special meeting for 8 a.m. on Monday, July 13, at which time they plan to formally adopt the resolutions granting the WEF siting permits for both Flickertail 1 and Flickertail 2 subject to the conditions

outlined in the development agreement.

Both permit applications will then advance to the N.D. Public Service Commission, where they will be subject to a rigorous review process that involves testimony from various state and federal agencies. The PSC will also hold public hearings in Eddy County as part of its review. It could take a year or more for the PSC to make a final decision.

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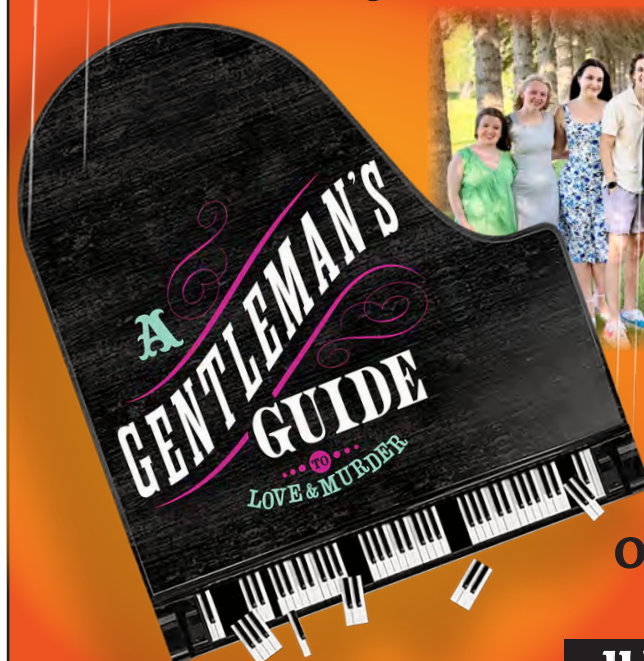
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