

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GILLESPIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

WHEREAS, the possible installation of wind turbine industrial complexes in Gillespie County would have major impacts on landowners and other residents throughout the county; and, installation of wind turbine industrial complexes would significantly alter the land that has taken generations to develop; and,

WHEREAS, private property rights are clearly recognized and the potential income to the landowners where wind turbines are actually located could be important; but, negative impacts of installation of industrial wind turbine complexes on neighbors' property rights, use and value of their property could be significant; and,

WHEREAS, royalty income from wind turbines is uncertain due to a number of unknown factors including wind conditions, curtailments, an unspecified number of wind turbines and the dependence of the wind companies on significant tax incentives; and,

WHEREAS, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas has designated only the northern part of Gillespie and parts of surrounding counties as being 20th out of 25 potential wind areas, but adverse economic effects would be county-wide; and,

WHEREAS, lease agreements can be very one sided in favor of industrial wind turbine complex companies; and, landowners that sign leases can lose a significant amount of control on how their land is used; and,

WHEREAS, options of heirs as well as current landowners could be severely restricted during the many years the leases cover; and, there may not be any financial guarantee that wind turbines will be dismantled when they are no longer used;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GILLESPIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU:

All of those potentially impacted by wind turbine industrial complex installations should become informed of the associated complex considerations including impacts on neighbors and other landowners; and,

Landowners that are approached by wind turbine industrial complex companies should carefully consider all of the implications of signing lease agreements and get independent expert legal advice where it will be helpful; and

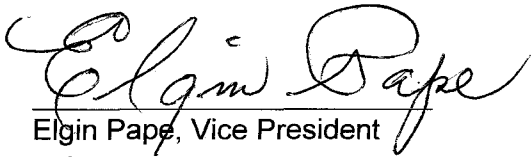
The Texas legislature should immediately initiate an interim study of wind turbine generation, focusing on all aspects of the complex industry that is currently without any regulation or oversight; and

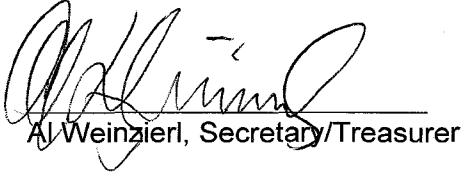
County Commissioners should be granted the authority to provide an appropriate level of oversight for the wind turbine industrial complex industry.

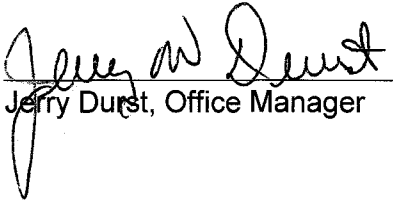
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