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Subject: Ordinance 5.22 Work Session

I would like to provide my input regarding the upcoming meeting to review ordinance 5.22. I have been approached several times by commercial wind tower companies to allow wind turbines or electrical lines on my property. I think the commission should be careful with the ordinance that regulates this activity.

My business partner lives in Astoria, SD. His county allowed a wind farm there. When visiting his home, there is a constant humming noise that can be heard. The noise sounds like a lawnmower in the distance that never stops. The noise is from wind turbines, although the nearest wind turbine is at least a mile and a half away. Along with the noise, the look of the landscape has changed. The wind turbines are too noisy and too big.

I know and have talked with many other people from the Astoria area. I have never met anyone that thinks the wind turbines were a good idea there and further, their taxes never went down. I've also understood that the setback in Deuel county has since increased for any future turbine interest. This says to me that once they were built, the community decided living close to a wind turbine is not something they wanted any longer. I would encourage anyone making decisions regarding wind turbines in our county to meet with and talk with people that currently live near one. I am certain this will provide a realistic picture of our county's future, and will not be one that we choose for ourselves.

I also wanted to mention that my business partner and I own a construction business. Since the wind turbines were built near Astoria, we have not seen any building taking place. This says to me that people are not moving into the area as a result of the wind turbines. This is not something I would want for our community.

Lastly, another concern of mine is the length of the contracts with the landowners. From what I have understood from the wind turbine companies, the contracts for a built wind turbine would be for 50 years. If the wind turbines are allowed, my infant grandchildren will see them come down when they are 50 years old. It is not right to allow these companies to make such big impacts to our county that will remain for our future generations.

I have lived in Codington County my entire life and my family homesteaded the farm that I now own. I do not support wind turbines in this county and request that the Commission responsible for these decisions edit the ordinance to ban commercial wind turbines. If all else fails, and wind turbines are allowed for some reason, I request a minimum of three-quarters of a mile setback from my property line (edit to table 5.22.03.2).

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