

RESOLUTION # 2010 - 7
RENEWABLE ENERGY FRIENDLY COUNTY DESIGNATION

WHEREAS the County of Sheridan County, Nebraska, is a duly organized political subdivision, existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska and acting by and through the Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"); and

WHEREAS the Board has received input from interested persons regarding the production of energy through wind power within the County;

WHEREAS the Nebraska Legislature has declared it to be in the public interest to support the development of less costly energy sources including the development of wind power as an alternate source of energy within the State;

WHEREAS the information and evidence before the Board is convincing, that the County of Sheridan has a great potential for the development of wind-powered energy;

WHEREAS it is further declared by the Nebraska Legislature that the policy of the State is to provide for dependable electric service at the lowest practical cost to the citizens of the State;

WHEREAS the County has zoning and subdivision jurisdiction which may be utilized to encourage the development of wind energy along with other renewable energy sources, and to encourage the development of wind energy as a means to produce electric power;

WHEREAS information presented to the Board indicates that, by May 1, 2011, at least 5% of the County's electricity needs can be developed and generated locally through wind power produced within the County, and that by May 1, 2013, at least 15% of the County's electricity needs can be developed and generated locally through wind power produced within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby resolve as follows:

1. That the Board communicate these goals to all current and prospective generators of electricity within the County of Sheridan;
2. That the Board encourages all current and prospective suppliers of electricity, and producers of electric energy, to cooperate in all possible ways in the production of electric energy;
3. That the Board of Commissioners, whenever possible, will assist and encourage producers of electric energy, both current and prospective in the development of electric energy-production projects;

4. That the Board of Commissioners will give immediate and due consideration to the amendment or additions to its zoning and subdivision jurisdiction to assist in the development of such projects.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 26th day of April 2010.

This Resolution is hereby adopted by unanimous vote:

Jack Andersen, Commissioner/Chairman

James Krotz, Commissioner

Dan Kling, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Sindy L. Coburn
Sheridan County Clerk