

RESOLUTION #962-05-30-2023

Resolution Approving a Moratorium on Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS)

WHEREAS, Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) means an electrical generating facility comprised of one or more wind turbines and accessory facilities, including but not limited to power lines, transformers, and substations, that operate by converting the kinetic energy of wind into electrical energy which may be used on-site or distributed into the electrical grid; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors has not conducted public input meetings discussing the potential construction of WECS within Jackson County, the application process for such, or adopted rules and requirements provided within Jackson County's Zoning Ordinance; and

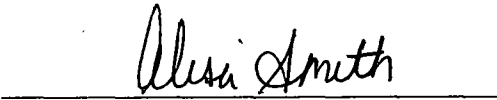
WHEREAS, concerns have been raised by public officials regarding: the County's level of preparedness when it comes to the development of WECS within the county due to not having a current WEC ordinance, and the need to study the potential agricultural impact any future WECS projects could have on the County's agricultural resources; the potential impact on tourism in regards to the state designated Grant Wood Scenic Byway and the National Great River Road and whether such impacts would run counter to the impending Jackson County Comprehensive Land Use Plan that is scheduled to be prepared beginning July 1, 2023; and

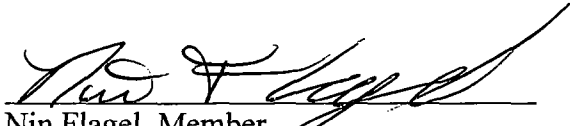
WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors wishes to enact a moratorium on the development and construction of utility scale WECS and on the application for permits relating to such development and construction of utility scale WECS, for the term of 9 months which may be extended upon resolution of the Board of Supervisors, to allow the Board of Supervisors to seek public input, to review preliminary language in the Jackson County Comprehensive Land Use Plan as it is developed in the next year, and to adopt a utility scale WECS policy within the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance and to incorporate the information and concerns that have arisen through the public hearings held by the Board of Supervisors relating to such matters.

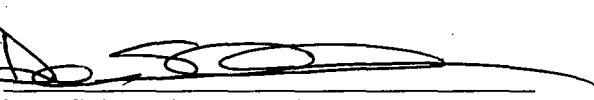
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, Iowa, that a moratorium on the development and construction of WECS, and the application for permits relating to such development and construction of WECS is approved for a period of 9 months at which time the moratorium could be extended by resolution if deemed necessary by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THIS 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2023.


Mike Steines, Chair


Alisa Smith, County Auditor


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