

Nemaha Co gathers info on wind farms

(KMZA)--The Nemaha County Commission traveled to Pratt and Reno Counties Tuesday to gather information about the development of wind farms in the counties.

Commissioners met with their counterparts in both counties.

County Clerk Mary Kay Schultejans says NextEra Energy Resources, which is proposing the construction of the 300 megawatt Soldier Creek Windfarm in Nemaha County, has installed two wind farms in Pratt County.

Schultejans said Reno County is in the process of negotiating terms with NextEra for the construction of a wind farm in their county.

Meanwhile, negotiations are continuing in Nemaha County with the Florida-based company.

County Commission Chairman Gary Scoby announced at Monday's meeting that the county is still waiting on the final project footprint and a density study from NextEra before finalizing the term sheet.

The term sheet will set down regulations for operation of the Soldier Creek Windfarm. Scoby says it will be revealed to the public before commissioners approve the document.

The county is also negotiating the terms of a payment in lieu of taxes or PILOT agreement.

Landowners and other concerned residents have become a familiar site at Commission meetings over the last month to voice their concerns about the project.