

Action delayed again on wind farm term sheet

(KMZA)--Nemaha County Commissioners this week again delayed action on approving a term sheet with NextEra Energy Resources for the proposed Soldier Creek Wind Farm.

Following an hour long executive session with special attorney James Neeld by phone, Commission Chairman Gary Scoby announced the commission is still in negotiations with the Florida-based company.

Scoby said the negotiations are based on concerns Commissioners heard during two public meetings last month on the term sheet.

Monday's meeting was moved to the courtroom due to the large number of people on hand.

Commissioners allowed seven people to speak—who did not speak or were unable to speak due to time constraints—at the April 25 public meeting.

All spoke against the current term sheet. Several voiced concerns about the proposed setback distances from turbines to non-participating property and residences.

Scoby said Commissioners will consider a resolution at next week's meeting imposing a six-month moratorium on any new utility project, including wind energy.

He said the resolution, which would ban any negotiations for use of county roads, infrastructure or other public areas during the moratorium, doesn't apply to NextEra's request.

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