

# **Proposal for the Formation of the Saline County Wind Association**

**Whereas;** The ownership structure of land in Saline County is fractured and multiple.

**Whereas;** Public officials are warning landowners to proceed with caution before signing long term wind easements and commercial wind farm royalty agreements.

**Whereas;** Wind Energy Development Company(s) are and may continue to be interested in the development of a wind energy project in Saline County. Facilitating information and communication between the various landowners and the development company(s) would be made efficient by the establishment of a landowners association dedicated to transmitting information to and between the various landowners and the company(s).

**Goal:** The association representatives will communicate wishes and concerns of landowners and have authority to secure legal counsel and work with counsel to formulate an easement contract agreeable to a super majority of landowners and company.

## **Guidelines for the Creation of Saline County Wind Association Officers:**

- A. Company will identify township(s) where project is planned.
- B. Each identified township will caucus and elect one representative and one alternate representative in case first representative is unable to perform his/her functions.
- C. The area in and surrounding each of Crete, Wilber and Friend will each select one representative to serve at large and alternates.
- D. All association decisions will be ruled by majority vote plus one with the exception of negotiating an easement contract with the company. (see D.2)
- D.1 Elected representatives shall elect officers; i.e. President, Vice President, secretary and treasurer.
- D.2 The final wind easement contract to be presented to company shall require a two-thirds majority vote.
- E. Term of Office. Representatives will initially serve for two years. Term limits will not apply to association. At end of 22 months above identified governmental entities will caucus and elect representatives to serve for two year terms.
- E.1 After operation date of project, terms of office will be extended to 4 years.
- F. Representatives can establish additional necessary rules as stated in D. above.
- G. This is a non-binding association between landowners.
- H. Landowners with association guidance may at any time enter into a legal entity such as a LLC if the same by 2/3 vote is approved by representatives. Membership into the LLC shall be non-binding and voluntary.

**ACTIVATION:** This proposal will be considered approved if at any publicly announced meeting of landowners a simple majority vote yea.