

A special joint meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors and the Botetourt County Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 7:30 A. M. in Fincastle, Virginia to conduct a field trip to the Beech Ridge Wind Farm in Greenbrier County, West Virginia.

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Leffel, Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors
 Mr. Billy Martin, Member, Board of Supervisors
 Mr. Todd Dodson, Member, Board of Supervisors
 Mr. Hiawatha Nicely, Jr., Chairman, Planning Commission
 Mr. William Thurman, Vice-Chairman, Planning Commission
 Mr. Steven L. Kidd, Member, Planning Commission
 Mr. John Griffin, Member, Planning Commission
 Mr. Sam Foster, Member, Planning Commission

ABSENT: Mr. John Williamson, Member, Board of Supervisors
 Mr. Donald M. Scothorn, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Kathleen D. Guzi, County Administrator
 Mr. Jeffrey Busby, Planner
 Mrs. Penny Firestone, Driver
 Ms. Remy Pangle, Associate Director and Curriculum Coordinator,
 Center for Wind Energy at James Madison University
 Mr. Jonathan J. Miles, Ph.D., Professor, Director – Virginia Center for
 Wind Energy, James Madison University
 Mr. Blaine Loos, Energy Project Analyst, Virginia Center for Wind Energy,
 James Madison University
 Mr. Jack McClung, Operations Manager - Beech Ridge Wind Energy
 Center, Invenergy, LLC

The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors members met in the parking lot of the Circuit Courthouse in Fincastle at approximately 7:15 AM for breakfast.

Mr. Jack Leffel, Vice Chairman, called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 8:00 A. M., and immediately thereafter, Mr. Hiawatha Nicely, Chairman, called the Planning Commission meeting to order.

The group then traveled to Invenergy, LLC's, Beech Ridge Wind Farm in Greenbrier County, West Virginia.

After arriving on the wind farm, the group met in Invenergy's conference room for introductions and a brief question and answer period with Mr. Jack McClung, Beech Ridge's Operations Manager, about wind energy and the Beech Ridge Wind Farm.

After the brief question and answer period, Mr. McClung then escorted the group on a tour of the wind farm. The Planning Commissioners and Board of Supervisors viewed several aspects of the wind farm, including two (2) wind turbines in very close proximity and also viewed the interior of a wind turbine.

Following the tour, the group gathered for lunch at Food and Friends in Lewisburg, West Virginia, where the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors continued their discussions on wind farms with the James Madison University representatives.

The group then returned to Fincastle.

On motion by Mr. Leffel, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P. M. (Resolution Number 15-04-01)

AYES: Mr. Dodson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Leffel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Williamson, Dr. Scothorn

ABSTAINING: None

On motion by Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Foster, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 3:16 P. M.

AYES: Mr. Kidd, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Nicely, Mr. Thurman, Mr. Foster

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None