

Discussion Held on Clean Line Energy Project

(KMZA)--Nemaha County Commissioners this week received more information about a proposed transmission line project that would pass through the county. Heidi Wolfgang reports

Mark Lawlor and Ally Smith with Clean Line Energy Partners met with commissioners to answer any questions they might have about the company's plan to build an overhead, high-voltage direct transmission line through Nemaha County.

The project will deliver 35-hundred megawatts of wind power from western Kansas to communities in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and points farther east.

Lawlor told commissioners their company plans to pay a 75-hundred dollar per mile construction mitigation payment to the county and also plans to have road agreements in place with Nemaha County and with the townships involved in the proposed transmission line project.

Commissioners suggested the company possibly hold a follow up public meeting to answer any further questions the public may have concerning the project.

Smith told commissioners the public is also able to go to the company's website at cleanlinenergy.com to ask questions concerning the project.

In other business, Marshall County Commissioners contacted the commission via phone regarding a low water crossing that lies on the Nemaha-Marshall County line in Home Township.

Marshall County Commissioners suggested temporarily repairing the crossing for now and then looking at replacing it with a bridge at a later time. Nemaha County Commissioners agreed to the plan.

And County Clerk Mary Kay Schultejans informed commissioners that she's hired Mandy Sudbeck to fill the open position in her office created by the upcoming retirement of Patricia Bentsen at the end of March. Sudbeck will begin work March 18th.

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