

I have great concerns about the Irish Creek Wind Turbines that are being slated for Marshall County. There are two crucial springs our family needs to support our farming operation. When you talk about a spring, most people think of a trickle coming out of the ground. but this is much, much more, 1500 gallons per hour! Older neighbors say the spring never went dry in the 1930's. We collect water daily to take to livestock. We rely on this water being here each day, for cattle watering, water for sprayers, neighbors who utilize it, and even fire trucks that have filled from it. There is just an off-road between my land in Pottawatomie and Marshall County. Two landowners in Marshall County have signed agreements for turbines, one across the road from this spring and one-half mile to the north and three turbines across the road and one-quarter of a mile to the east. My son also has a Spring Tank within one-eighth of a mile from the aforesaid mentioned three turbines that is approximately twenty feet deep to water cattle in his pasture. They will be digging at least 25 feet deep to place the turbines and once they are built there will be weight on the ground and vibration from the blades turning. No one knows where these water veins are. Keith Bramhall, Marshall County Commissioner, said the landowner with the three turbines wants to develop a spring on his land so our spring he feels will be safe. How can he guarantee this? Yet citizens in Pottawatomie County are not being given a voice in this project. I guess most of the citizens in Marshall County haven't been given a voice either as there are many more with Spring Tanks or water sources for private wells, that have concerns.

Being a Marshall County Farm Bureau Century Farm Award winner recognized in the Kansas Senate the week of January 11-15, 2021, I am quite proud of this award and much history has gone into the preservation of my 600+ acres. I protect wildlife and my farms are in the fly zone for many migrating birds as well as bald eagles that I have concerns for with these turbines. I would appreciate it if Senate Bill SB279 would pass and protect us from these out-of-state wind developers.

Thank you in hearing my written testimony.

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