



Mesquite Sky Wind I&S impacts- please call

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Good afternoon.

I am forwarding everyone a copy of an email that I received this morning from Robert Weatherford, the gentleman who is leading the anti-wind farm group that spoke at our November meeting.

I will be extremely blunt. It was extremely inappropriate for Mr. Weatherford to contact John Blackburn, and I'll shortly be contacting Mr. Weatherford to make the point very clearly.

The wind farm that he is speaking of is the one that Mr. Windham has already talked to us about. My biggest concern with this wind farm is that if our values rise too much absent a 313 agreement, we could be pushed into recapture. Of course, the best defense against recapture is to get more students. Whether this wind farm is built or not is largely irrelevant to our consideration of the Ranch Land project.

If you have any questions, let me know.

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From: **Robert Weatherford** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, Dec 31, 2020 at 11:59 AM
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Dr. Little- I hope that you are getting to enjoy some well deserved time off.

There has been a significant development that I want to make sure you are aware of and would like to discuss after you are back in the office and can take a few minutes. I did leave a voicemail on Cindy's phone Wednesday just in case you were there.

The development is that the Mesquite Sky wind farm northwest of Baird is proceeding to the construction phase and will likely produce additional I&S income for Baird ISD in the fairly near term.

The attached map that I prepared from FAA information shows that 26 of the proposed possible turbine locations are in Baird ISD. For comparison, the Ranchland/Baird ISD 313 application states that 23 turbines will be located in Baird ISD.

The amount of related Mesquite Sky investment in Baird ISD has not been publicized. I am trying to get additional information from the developer, Clearway Energy Group.

In the interest of time, I called John Blackburn yesterday and made him aware of this development. He confirmed that the I&S income would be increased while the M&O income increase would be offset by less state funding under current school finance laws.

I can provide copies of the related documents, including the 2017 Chapter 312 abatement agreement with Callahan County, to you and/or Mr. Blackburn if you would like.

Again, please give me a call when convenient.

Thanks.

Robert Weatherford



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