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**RENO COUNTY WIND ENERGY TASKFORCE**

**Land owner Update**

**Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm**

**Nickerson High School**

Reno County land owners are encouraged to attend a Reno County Wind Energy Taskforce Update on **Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 pm at Nickerson High School.**

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Describe the potential for a commercial wind farm in Reno County
- Review the steps for the typical development of a wind farm
- Determine landowner interest in working together with a developer to bring commercial wind to Reno County.

**Fourth generation rancher Pete Ferrell** will lead a discussion on commercial wind farm development in Reno County, review the steps needed to bring wind energy to Reno County and determine the level of interest among Reno County land owners.

Landowners who own more than 400 acres will receive a personal letter, but every Reno County landowner is welcome to attend the **August 11<sup>th</sup>** meeting.

For more than a year, the Reno County Wind Energy Taskforce (RCWET), appointed by the Reno County Commission, has been working to explore the wind energy potential in Reno County

The Task force has completed extensive research, attended numerous meetings and talked with officials at the state and national level about wind energy in Reno County. The task force has determined that wind energy development is possible in Reno County and can provide both direct and indirect economic benefit to Reno County in the following ways:

- payments to landowners
- short term construction jobs
- long term jobs for operation and maintenance
- Potential for a substantial annual payment in lieu of taxes paid by a wind developer to Reno County.