

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Dorothy Barnett
Reno County 2020 Growth Coalition
(620) 664-8656
dorothy@renocountygrowth.com

RENO COUNTY LAND OWNER FORUM What every landowner should know about wind rights

THE RENO COUNTY WIND ENERGY TASKFORCE AND THE HUTCHINSON RENO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL CO-HOST FOURTH GENERATION KANSAS RANCHER, **PETE FERRELL** ON **THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 PM** AT HCC'S STRINGER FINE ARTS CENTER FOR A RENO COUNTY LAND OWNER FORUM. THE ELK RIVER WIND FARM NEAR BEAUMONT BOASTS ONE HUNDRED 1.5 MW WIND TURBINES. FIFTY TURBINES ARE INSTALLED ON FERRELL'S LAND.

MR. FERRELL HAS MORE THAN TEN YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN WIND DEVELOPMENT AND LAND LEASES. HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH WIND EXPERTS PLUS LOCAL AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS TO DEVELOP SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS FOR HIS PROPERTY'S WIND POTENTIAL. SINCE ELK RIVER BECAME OPERATIONAL IN MAY OF 2005, FERRELL HAS USED HIS EXPERIENCE TO INFORM KANSAS LAND OWNERS OF STRATEGIES TO HELP THEM BE SUCCESSFUL DURING LAND LEASE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE LAND OWNER FORUM IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO OWNS LAND IN RENO COUNTY. ACCORDING TO FERRELL, "A LAND OWNER SHOULDN'T SUCCUMB TO THE TEMPTATION TO SIGN WITH THE FIRST ENERGY COMPANY THAT KNOCKS ON THE DOOR AS SO MANY DID IN THE FIRST WAVE OF OIL LEASING THAT SWEEPED THROUGH KANSAS DECADES AGO. AN ENERGY DEVELOPER SHOULD BE CHOSEN NOT ONLY FOR FINANCIAL REASONS, BUT ALSO ON PERFORMANCE IN CONSTRUCTION AND SITE MANAGEMENT.

WIND RIGHTS ABOVE GROUND ARE GOING TO BE AS VALUABLE AS, OR MORE SO, THAN MINERAL RIGHTS AND WATER RIGHTS BELOW GROUND. WITH THIS IN MIND, THOSE WIND RIGHTS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED LIGHTLY” (*The Kansas Lifeline*, March 2006).

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6:45 PM. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE HUTCHINSON/RENO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DOROTHY BARNETT AT 664-8656 OR EMAIL dorothy@renocountygrowth.com.