

## Crocker Wind Farm is one step closer to becoming a reality

It was an emotion-filled basement at the Clark County Courthouse Monday morning, as the Clark County Board of Commissioners approved the Crocker Wind Farm conditional use permit (CUP) and the eight miles of transmission lines connected to this project.

The commissioners voted 4-1, to approve three-quarter mile setbacks, unless otherwise negotiated with this conditional use permit. Voting in favor of this conditional use permit and transmission lines were Violet Wicks, board chairman; Bob Bjerke, Francis Hass and Richard Reints. Chris Sass opposed

both actions.

Prior to final approval, there were two setback amendments which both failed, due to a lack of a second, one amendment for a mile setback and one for a two-thirds mile setback. (A setback is how far the wind tower must be from a residence, right of way, etc. This question of how far wind turbine setbacks should be was a major contention of issue from early on in this project.)

Commissioner Bjerke then added several specific additions to the six states attorney recommended conditions to protect specific areas such

as the private airport, the boundary of 40-acre parcels and the mile setback of the churches cemetery and government owned property.

The six conditions include: The setback shall be 3,960 feet measured from the wall line of the neighboring principal building to base of the WES tower, unless otherwise negotiated pursuant to the zoning ordinance.

The construction and operation of the Wind Energy System (WES) shall be done in a manner so as to not interfere with the maintenance and operation of other utility and telecommunication lines, specifically incorporating the terms and conditions contained in a Resolution proposed by Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative which resolution is a part of the file in this matter.

The applicant shall make a good faith effort to employ an Aircraft Detection Lighting System designed to turn blinking lights atop wind turbines on or off, based on the presence or absence of aircraft in the vicinity of the WES and shall, as soon as practicable, commission a study to determine the feasibility of such a system, including pros, cons, and estimated costs, with the

study being presented to the Board of Adjustment.

The applicant is required to meet or exceed all standards and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration, the State of South Dakota, and any other agency of the federal or state government with the authority to regulate Wind Energy Systems.

The applicant shall make all reasonable efforts to protect county and township roads and shall enter into road haul agreements with Clark County and all affected townships. The applicant shall employ an on-site contact to deal with any

county or township road issues or complaints during construction of the WES.

The applicant shall, at a minimum, meet all standards dictated in the zoning ordinance or proposed in its application if more stringent than the zoning ordinance, including but not limited to the following categories: Mitigation Measures; Roads, Setbacks, Electromagnetic Interference; Lighting; Turbine Spacing; Footprint Minimization; Collector Lines; Feeder Lines; Decommissioning; Abandoned Tur-

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## Much interesting memorabilia has been found at the American Legion Hall

▲ In two years Clark American Legion Cagley-Smith Post #60 will be 100 years old



When Clark American Legion members Greg Overby and Mike McGillivray were in the storage area part of the American Legion building basement in Clark checking out the 4-H Archery Sports shooting area, they came across two items that had been inadvertently left down there. A cane in a sealed box was found that was inscribed to J. W. Cotes, a civil

war veteran who had been a member of the Legion. (An older U.S. flag with 48 stars and a gold fringe on the bottom as also in the case.) The temporary charter dated September 9, 1919 and framed was also found in the basement. The newer permanent charter dated 1931 is on the wall to the right of Legion commander Rob McGraw up on the stage.

The Cagley-Smith American Legion Post #60 of Clark had its origin on August 26, 1919 when an application was submitted for a temporary charter. This charter was issued on September 9, 1919 to Cagley Post #60 - before the name Smith was added later. This charter had been in the storage part of the basement probably since the move to the Legion Hall from its former location, where most recently J & J Heating had their business across the street.

The current Legion Hall was donated by the Gary Cushing family in 1993. It was where the former Red Owl grocery store used to be. In earlier times it was known as the Brown Building.

Every historical item was put downstairs in storage while construction upstairs by volunteers removed all of the former store fixtures and made the Legion/Auxiliary hall what it is today with a stage area, meeting area and a new complete kitchen.

"We're still finding things hidden down there," noted Legion commander Rob McGraw regarding the Civil War veteran J. W. Cotes' cane and flag with 48 stars and the original temporary charter dated in 1919.

The cane and flag were in the box shown above and the charter also resurfaced from being stuck back on a shelf in the basement. Within the box with the cane was a letter that explained its origin. It was written by the owners son, Frank R. Cotes of Crandall. It read: *My friends, July 1864, my father, the late J. W. Cotes was wounded while in command of company T12th Iowa Infantry of which he was first sergeant. (This would be in the Civ-*

*il War.)*  
*As he was captured the next day and was in prison until the end of the war in April of 1865, he never again met his company as a military organization.*

*About 30 years later, in October of 1894 at a Regimental reunion in Sioux City, Iowa, he met a majority of the survivors at which time they presented him with a cane properly inscribed. On the division of my father's effects, this cane became mine. Now I, because of the bond of love that I know existed between Cagley Post and my father, wish to present and hereby do present said cane to Cagley Post of the American Legion of Clark, SD.*

**Cagley Smith namesake**

Clark's Cagley Post #60 was the first organized post in Clark County, named after WW I veteran George Lewis Cagley. He was a sergeant who died in 1918 at Camp Cody, New Mexico. He was actually from the Raymond area, rather than from Clark but since he was the first deceased veteran of WW I and this was the first Legion post in Clark County, his name was used. A permanent charter was issued in April of 1931. W. C. Brower was elected the first commander at an organizational meeting in the Masonic Hall which at the time was at the Sportsman's location.

The name change to Cagley-Smith came about after WW II and the acceptance of these veterans into membership in the post. In August of 1946, Thayne Smith and Kendall Smith of Clark were honored with the name addition. Thayne was a torpedo man who

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## Friday was Gunner Sanderson's day at Clark High School

Friday was a fun send-off for the Special Olympics basketball team at Clark High School as they headed to state competition in Mitchell over the weekend.

Friday was also a special day for sixteen-year-old Gunner Sanderson of Clark. He was earlier nominated for the chance to be the recipient of a Make-A-Wish® trip and he found out on Friday that his dream trip to Hawaii will indeed become a reality.

"I like the new camera!" he exclaimed of his bonus gift of an underwater camera should he get the chance to do some scuba diving while there.

"We've been keeping this secret for a couple weeks now - it's been so exciting," noted his mother Amy Campbell of Clark.

Gunner has Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome which affects many parts of the body. It is classified as a genetic overgrowth syndrome or an unusual growth pattern which is known as hemihyperplasia.

At only 16 years old, Sanderson has come through 32 surgeries in his lifetime. "He's had a hard go of it with a lot of medical complications," continued his mother. "It's a rare condition with physical as well as developmental challenges."

"He was nominated by a mystery source for the Make-A-Wish® trip. We are so happy for him - this trip will be great."

Amy and Gunner's step-father Ed Hickey, Gunners' sister Gabby and their father Mike Sanderson will all join Gunner on the trip this summer.

Gunner and his family have been in Clark for six years and he is a member of the sophomore class.

At the pep rally last Friday, Gunner and his team which included not only the Clark students but visiting team members from Lake Preston, Deuel, Hamlin and Cas-

tlewood were honored in pep rally fashion.

The band played, challenges were performed and anticipatory enthusiasm ensued.

A basketball challenge with blindfolded Cyclones dribbling against the Olympic team members was held after the Oreo cookie challenge and the cotton ball contest.

Putting an Oreo cookie on one's forehead and working its way down to the mouth with no hands was attempted in the Oreo challenge.

Petroleum jelly on one's nose started out the cotton ball challenge of picking up cotton balls and trying to put five of them in a bowl - not using one's hands.

Plastic flower leis (Hawaii style) were bestowed on all of the attendees as they entered the gym, courtesy of the Make-A-Wish® foundation.

"We are all celebrating your trip, that's why everyone is wearing a flower lei," explained Make-A-Wish® volunteer Audrey Rider at Gunner's presentation. Rider and volunteer Bobbie Bach were there with balloons in hand to present the award.



Gunner Sanderson, 16, of Clark had an inkling when he saw the representatives from Make-A-Wish® come towards him with balloons last Friday at the Special Olympics pep rally for the NESC 'Rockets' basketball teams heading to state over the weekend.

In front of his friends and teammates with whom he practices weekly he was told that his Make-A-Wish®

dream will come true. He and his family will be heading to Hawaii in July. As a bonus, he was also given a waterproof camera to use on his trip, should he get the chance to get in some scuba diving.

Shown above with an excited recipient are left to right, Audrey Jo Rider and Bobbie Bach, volunteers with the Make-A-Wish® Foundation of South Dakota.

WEATHER			
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Mar. 21.....	31	19	0
Mar. 22.....	36	21	0
Mar. 23.....	38	33	.09
Mar. 24.....	41	31	0
Mar. 25.....	40	29	0
Mar. 26.....	45	32	0
Mar. 27.....	--	--	--
2017 precipitation to date	.97		
2016 precipitation to date	1.40		