



# MINUTES

**Subject:** Golden South Wind (GSW) Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting #6  
**Date and Time:** Tuesday May 3, 2022  
 6:30 – 8:00pm  
**Location:** Knight's Hall  
 St George's Roman Catholic Parish  
 325 6th Avenue East  
 Assiniboia, SK  
**Facilitator:** Kathryn Palmer, Dillon Consulting Limited  
**Attendees:** Kathryn Palmer, Dillon Consulting Limited –CLC Facilitator  
 Hem Shankar (GSW LP/Potentia Renewables Inc.) –Director Business Management  
 Andrea Garcia (GSW/Potentia Renewables Inc.) –Assistant VP, Project Development  
 Alex Lawson (GSW/Potentia Renewables Inc.) –Site Supervisor  
 Steven Harris (GSW/Potentia Renewables Inc.) –Facility Manager  
 Larry Foster – CLC Community Member  
 Trevor Karst – CLC Community Member  
 Ken Bahuaud – CLC Community Member  
 Six Unidentified Members of the Public

## Meeting Minutes

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1. Introductions
2. Construction & COD Update
  - Final construction activities have wrapped up
  - All 50 turbines are operational and have been commissioned
  - Construction crews have left the site and the project has transitioned to the operations team
  - The Environmental Monitor from PESCA will be onsite monthly during the growing season for two years following initial reclamation to monitor vegetation growth, identify any noxious or nuisance weeds, and assess erosion and sediment control measures
3. Environmental Update – Bird and Bat Monitoring
  - The Post Construction Bird and Bat Mortality Monitoring (PCMM) program for the Project began in April 2022
  - The PCMM program is undertaken by a third-party consultant, Natural Resources Solutions Inc. (NRSI), and will last two years with possible studies in years 5 & 10
  - 15 turbines, selected based on geography, nearby habitats, and rotor diameter, are being monitored and surveyed with reports submitted to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment

#### 4. What to Expect During Operations

- The project will now be managed by the Business Management and Operations Teams:
  - Business Management: responsible for non-technical items/issues, including land-related items (leases, payments, property taxes, community fund payments)
  - Operations Team: responsible for day-to-day management of the facility and maintaining turbines, roads, collectors, substation and technical matters
- There will be 8-9 permanent staff associated with GSW LP going forward
- An emergency action plan (EAP) is active has been shared with local emergency agencies (RCMP, Ambulance, Fire) in the event emergency response is required
- All land is leased, no land is owned by Potentia
- Maintenance is performed on a continual basis on the towers
  - Each tower will have an annual and a 6-month maintenance cycle completed each calendar year
  - Substation maintenance is performed annually, with major maintenance every 3 years as per manufacturer specifications

#### 5. Community Funding

- Golden South LP signed a community benefits agreement with both rural municipalities (RM)s prior to construction with the commitment to:
  - Provide \$100k (in total) to both RMs within 90 days of COD
  - Provide \$100k each year during the life of the project (~25 years)
- The RMs will be responsible for administering the funds for community initiatives
- Certain criteria exist for fund eligibility to ensure they are used for local projects/ initiatives / groups
- Golden South LP has the ability to audit the distribution of the funds

#### 6. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Action Item #1: - Potentia will continue to internally discuss and explore options to resolve the concerns raised with regard to the turbine lighting.
- Action Item #2 - Potentia will internally discuss the request for compensation for landowners or residents who may be bothered by the turbines or their lighting, and will provide additional information in a response.
- Response to Action Items #1/#2: Potentia reiterates that the installed lighting is in accordance with Transport Canada regulations and that Potentia has no plans to modify the lighting at this time. Turbine light dimming technology was a relatively new/untested technology in 2018 at the time of project design. Potentia recently explored the opportunity of integrating the technology, but a full electrical retrofit would be required and is cost prohibitive.

#### 7. Review of Submitted Questions

- No questions were submitted prior to the meeting

8. CLC Members Open Discussion and New Questions
  - Potentia has no immediate plans to further expand the GSW LP wind development, as SaskPower's focus seems more so on solar development and renewable development in other areas of the province for the time being
  - Planning is underway for a ribbon cutting ceremony in June and CLC Members will be invited
  - The project incurred delays and increased costs due to COVID-19
  - Crop compensation issues will be addressed on a case by case basis with the Business Management team
9. Opportunities for the Public to Speak
  - Acknowledgements to Potentia and the construction crew for their responsiveness during the construction period
  - Yield signs at the end of access roads can cumbersome around farm equipment, and the Operations Team may be able to accommodate some modifications of the sign locations on a case by case basis
10. Acknowledgements
  - Thank you to the CLC Members and the public at large for their commitment, engagement, and patience
  - This marks the final CLC meeting, however the Potentia team is always available for questions or discussion
11. Adjournment

### **Project Contacts**

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