

NOBLES 2 POWER PARTNERS, LLC



Plant Facts

Location: 20057 140th Street
Wilmont, MN 56187
(Nobles County)

Purpose: Converts wind to electricity

Capacity: 250 megawatts

Commercial

Operation: December 2020

Owner: Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC, owned by affiliates of Tenaska, ALLETE, Inc. and Bright Canyon Energy

Customer: Minnesota Power, a utility division of ALLETE

Employment: 14 local employees staffed through NAES Corporation and turbine manufacturer Vestas

Clean Power Generation

The Nobles 2 wind farm harnesses the wind to generate renewable power for Minnesota Power, a utility division of ALLETE, Inc.

Nobles 2 is comprised of 74 Vestas turbines. This includes 2.0- and 3.6-megawatt models.

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Economic Impact

- Construction of the Nobles 2 wind farm represented a significant investment in the regional economy. Through engineering, procurement and construction contractor Mortensen, approximately 150 craft workers were hired from the local area and approximately \$15.5 million in contracts were awarded to regional businesses. There were additional “trickle down” benefits during construction as the construction workers utilized local housing, ate in restaurants and shopped in local establishments.
- During operation, the wind farm is supported by a team of 14 local employees staffed through NAES Corporation and turbine manufacturer Vestas
- More than 100 landowners have long-term leases with Nobles 2, which is estimated to result in more than \$1.1 million in lease payments annually.
- The Nobles 2 wind farm is expected to generate more than \$1.1 million in tax revenue annually for local units of government. At the same time, the project will create little demand for local services, such as schools or police – a win-win for residents of Nobles County.

Community Involvement

Nobles 2 strives to be a good business neighbor in Nobles County.

- Nobles 2 Power Partners is establishing a community fund that will support programs in the project area, including the townships of Bloom, Larkin, Lismore, Leota, Summit Lake and Wilmont. Nobles 2 will contribute \$15,000 per year in the next 20 years.
- In lieu of a construction celebration for the project amid the COVID-19 situation in summer 2020, Nobles 2 Power Partners provided \$30,000 in donations to first-responders and social services in Nobles County that have been responding to the pandemic. This included: United Way of Nobles County; Love Inc.; The Manna Food Pantry; Worthington Christian Food Shelf; Fulda Food Shelf; Sharing Seeds; and the Wilmont and Lismore fire departments.
- The project is a supporter of community efforts, including the Nobles County Fair and Winterfest, as well as organizations such as Community Christmas Baskets and Wilmont Heritage Room.
- Nobles 2 Power Partners is a member of the Worthington Chamber of Commerce.