



## County Administrator

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North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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Re: Cass County Follow-Up Information: Harmony Solar

North Dakota Public Service Commission:

On Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) held a Public Hearing in Casselton to receive input about the proposed Harmony Solar project. I testified on behalf of Cass County and verbally expressed support for the project. The County previously submitted a letter of support as part of the initial permit application.

I was asked during my testimony if Cass County Commissioners are aware of the seed mixes that will be used on the site. I indicated I was not aware of conversations about the mixes, but I would check with Cass County Weed Control Officer, Mr. Stanley Wolf, share his feedback with the Commission and follow up with the PSC.

Mr. Wolf made the following statement, which the Commission asked me to provide as Cass County's position:

*"Upon reviewing the Vegetation Management Plan for the Harmony Solar Project, it appears that the plan is appropriate for the location. My only addition to the plan is to have the seed sourced or produced from areas that do not have Palmer amaranth. Palmer amaranth is a very invasive non-native weed and is being considered to be added to the North Dakota Noxious Weed List. Due to its aggressive growth and prolific seed production, if Palmer amaranth is identified on the site a zero-tolerance weed management policy needs to be adopted with frequent scouting to identify and remove any Palmer amaranth plants prior to seed formation."*

Please contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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