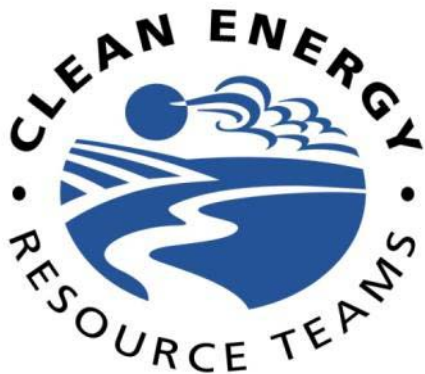


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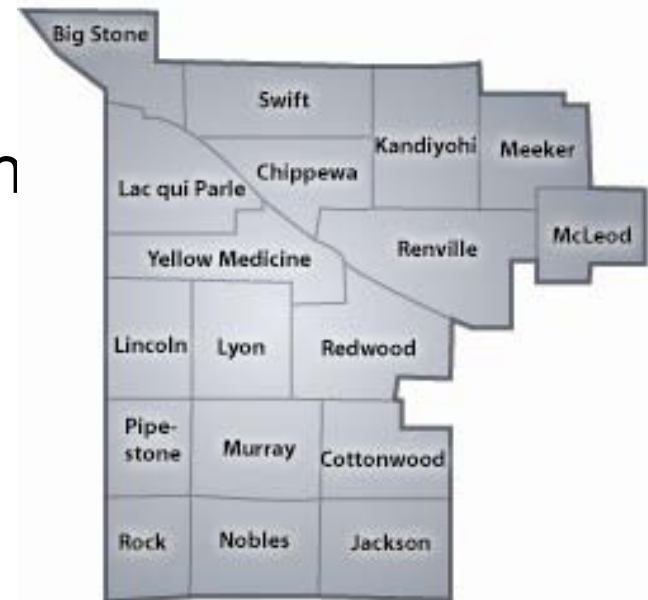
**Wind Options:
Residential, Community & Commercial**



Southwest Initiative Foundation

One Connection... Unlimited Possibilities

- ◆ A regional community foundation serving 18 counties of southwest Minnesota
- ◆ Mission is to be a catalyst, facilitating opportunities for economic and social growth by developing and challenging leaders to build on the region's assets



Wind Energy Facts: Minnesota

- Ranks 5th nationally for installed wind capacity at 2,717 MW
- 12.7% of MN power produced by wind in 2011
- Between 2,000 and 3,000 total jobs
- Over \$16 million dollars in annual property tax and land lease payments
- 5.4 million metric tons of carbon dioxide avoided annually

Wind – County Tax Revenues Southwest Minnesota

County	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue			
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Murray Co.	\$1,389,901	\$1,187,119	\$1,177,405	\$1,252,131	\$568,598
Jackson Co.	\$1,153,006	\$545,125	\$521,894	\$219,419	\$168,256
Nobles Co.	\$827,190	\$171,620	\$122,453	\$135,431	\$23,106
Pipestone Co.	\$577,091	\$510,469	\$505,963	\$443,938	\$446,988
Cottonwood Co.	\$239,292	\$221,575	\$214,241	\$78,882	\$5,169
Rock Co.	\$5,424	\$4,743	\$5,084	\$3,892	\$5,507

Source: Southwest Regional Development Commission; Worthington Daily Globe