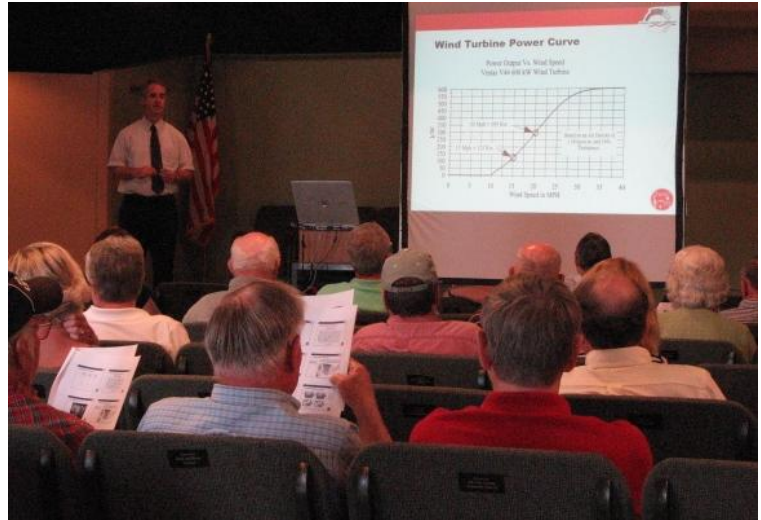


Extension Provides Timely Wind Energy Education

Iowa is the tenth windiest state and ranks third in total wind energy generation. Because of these favorable conditions, wind turbine farms are quickly being constructed across the state and landowners find themselves faced with decisions to sign land option or leasing contracts or to invest or construct their own wind turbines.

Extension coordinated the Wind Energy Seminar held in Clay County, to address the issues and concerns local landowners are currently facing.



Many timely questions were answered by leading experts who included: William Haman - Iowa Energy Center Industrial Program Manager, Roger McEowen - Leonard Dolezal Professor in Agricultural Law at Iowa State University in Ames and Director of the ISU Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation and Erin Herbold - Staff Attorney for the Iowa State University Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation.

“Our state’s favorable terrain, average annual wind speeds and close proximity to utility grids are positive elements for the wind energy industry,” stated Clay County Extension Director Marcia Langner. Participants appreciated receiving timely information on Wind Energy in Iowa along with considerations of the legal aspect of investing in wind energy and leasing options.

Written evaluations made by wind energy seminar attendees:



Roger McEowen

“Best seminar I ever attended. Many legal questions need to be answered. There were excellent speakers who were well prepared.”

“Legal aspects of contracts/easements... location consideration: more things to think about than I realized.”

“Excellent seminar!”

“I think you did a wonderful job. It would be great to have these people keep us updated with future seminars.”

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