

May 12, 2017

Borehole Update. My opinions. Today's Commission Meeting.

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Thanks, thanks, thanks to all those who carried signs and spoke to our County Commission opposing the Borehole Project. In the packed meeting, just as in all public meetings I've attended, only one person claimed to support the borehole. The other 50 or so were very much against the project.

Thank you for showing up and being so vocal.

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Commissioner Janet White again proposed a resolution of "non support". If you know her please thank her.

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Unfortunately Lori Bies District 3 commissioner effectively killed opposition to the the project and enabled the borehole. First by voting not to hear the Public Land Use Advisory Committee's (PLUAC) report (requested by Comm Janet White) and second by inserting language to neuter Commissioner White's opposition resolution, which then killed commission opposition. Commissioner Bies has now voted twice to enable the DOE/Deep borehole Project (see below).

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Because of Comm Bies's vote, the commission remains "neutral". Neutral actually equals "support" in DOE speak! and Commissioner Bies knew it. I'll prove it.

The DOE contract with TerranearPMC states:

"Local public acceptance/participation is a necessary prerequisite to the project and must be obtained before any drilling commences."(page 9)

"Acceptance" is a key word. What does it mean ??

The word "acceptance" in my dictionary, third meaning states:

"willingness to tolerate a difficult or unpleasant situation.  
"a mood of resigned acceptance""

That "resigned acceptance" and "willingness to tolerate" is "neutrality" and is Commissioner Bies stance. It is DOE's green flag to proceed with the borehole. DOE/TerranearPMC, by contract, does not need "support" just acceptance and neutrality.

By the way, I wrote each commissioner with this information well ahead of the meeting. I talked with Commissioner Bies. Commissioner Bies was informed and chose to vote in a way that enables DOE and the nuclear borehole project.

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I am beyond disappointed. Commissioner Bies has stated, in public and in the Commissioner's meetings that she will vote as her constituents want. She further stated that her constituents were overwhelmingly AGAINST the borehole. Yet she voted (effectively) in favor of the project and in favor of TerranearPMC / DOE over her constituents. Many at the meeting could not believe her stance. Voices were raised against her "neutral stance. To no avail. It was not clear to me why she voted at odds with her constituents and in favor of the project. Lawsuits were mentioned, so was the fake "private property" issues. What else? You decide. Call and ask her, don't rely on my take. (575) 415-0238

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See my website for borehole information:

<http://weed-skies.org/>

After research and attending all the public meetings I am against this project. My "NO" petition is at:

<https://gopetition.com/petitions/no-to-the-otero-borehole.html>

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Thanks again to all those who drove hours and took time out on a Friday morning to carry signs and who spoke against this project so eloquently.

Best,

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