

The Warren Report

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Farmers Find Fans Suck

Tax Subsidies No Longer Tilting at Windmills

**Property Owners Blown Off feet by State
“ Mill Owners Should Pay More” Say Local Seris**

By replacing the property tax with a progressive electrical energy generator tax, Lincoln County hopes to erase their revenue shortfalls.

Both Lincoln and Pipestone County have many wind driven electrical generators. This impressive growth of the windmill industry has been driven primarily by State mandates and tax subsidies. The mandates remain, but the subsidies are beginning to fade, -

real world economic pressures are bringing new thinking to Minnesota energy issues.

Little towns like Lake Benton, which have naturally taken advantage of the capricious winds of the Coteau de Prairie as well as the Minnesota taxpayers willingness to fund such irrational nonsense, now must rethink their budgets.

And it is not just the wind energy division now finding their training wheels being removed and expected to make it go on their own.

The St. Peter biomass plant, intending to devour hybrid poplars grown to replace row-crops historically found in the Minnesota River Valley, *Continued on page 3*

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Potlatch Locks Satch

Brainerd Hopes for More Birdwatchers

After years of litigation with the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, and other groups expert at governmental jujitsu, Minnesotas' timber industry is forced to adjust to the throttling.

Last year in Grand Marais, The Hedstrom Company, finally employing more lawyers than salesmen, announced dramatic slowdowns in operations with accompanying layoffs.

Now in Brainerd, employees of Potlatch are told that the company, losing \$36 million yearly, is being bought by a South African firm.

And not just 600+ jobs are lost said one local worker, but also a great deal of donations the company gave to local charities.

The Crow Wing County United Way estimates it will not collect forty to fifty-five thousand dollars pledged for this year by the company.

Another group will probably not receive the annual \$1000 they've warmly accepted for years to aid their local Fourth of July celebration.

**“Will 600 unemployed
lumbermen retrain to
assemble suet feeders?”**

Locals have been asking this and other -

questions looking for answers.

Like; “Is the Sierra Club going to make up for all the money our charities are loosing?”.

And as the generational shift continues in north Minnesota, the locals increasingly look for answers from sources other than the likes of: The Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB), MN Department of Tourism or the DNR.



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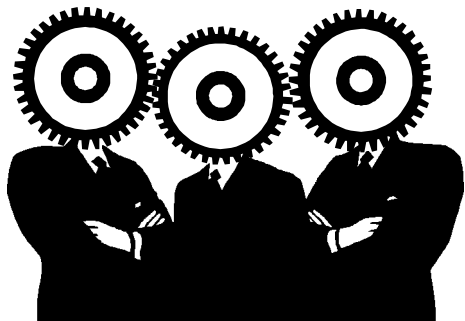
a General Interest Group amid a riot of Special Interest Groups.

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(and your membership)

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has yet to fire up a boiler. The alfalfa stem steam plant in the Red River region, and the chicken-shit power house has yet to offer an erg to anyone. The garbage burner energy-transfer boondoggle can not afford to pay market rate for the trash they call fuel.



Legislators express pride at leading the nation in alternative energy fields.

Alternative as opposed to alternating; for the policies of power in Minnesota have not only driven up the cost of electricity for rich and poor alike, but also reduced the much needed electrical generating capacity of mid-America.

I don't know anything about this specific Blue Earth River project, but I'll refer to David Browers' book which said "Dams are at the center of environmental hell". So I'd have to say we'd be against it.

Brett Smith
President:
Sierra Club
N. Star Chapter

Once Americans Saw Opportunity in Difficulty Now Americans see Difficulty in Opportunity

Mark Hemphill editor of *Trains*

MISSISSIPPI RIVER NAVIGATION UNDER SIEGE

General Gouverneur Kembel Warren, after his amazing civil war career, found himself and his engineering skills put to the task of surveying the Mississippi River. After commanding the Army Corps of Engineers District Headquarters at the Illinois town of Rock Island he proceeded northward.

His deliberate methods had him and his crew provide the young nation its' first truly navigable charts and maps of this most important waterway.

Not only was he highly regarded for his honesty and respect in dealings with all people; but he also appears to be the first person to recognize the "little river in the big ditch" for what it is and put it to paper.

Since then, Mississippi River navigation has proven a great boon to the citizens living in this resource laden mid-continent far from distant markets.

Today, river based industries with monies they've set aside for decades, offer a plan to improve efficiencies of the lock and dam system lying on the bottom of the glacial River Warren channel.

Based on the clatter, clanking, and rustling of bushes, it appears an army of irrational and fanatical zealots are preparing to lay siege to the project using the typical judicial machines.

The editor wishes to correct an error in last months issue. The MN State Senator from Rochester was listed with a (D) when an (R) would have been more correct.

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He uses statistics like a drunken man uses lampposts for support rather than illumination. Andre Lang

Taxcuts Dead Ahead!

DOZENS ABANDON SHIP OF STATE

We will not let the cruelty and meanness that leads to huge tax cuts, and unfairness impact our most vulnerable and those on unemployment during times of recession.

Senator Doug Johnson (D) [retiring]

In a year of changes nationwide, Minnesota is also experiencing change, including its political makeup.

The triple “witching hour” is here. The time just after redistricting when the legislature is still in session, in this case attempt to settle the condition of a billion dollar hole in the hull. While the approaching State-Wide Election haunts like an iceberg at night outside the entrance to safe-harbor . Some folks are getting a little jumpy.

As fateful and unknown courses are plotted, many a splash is heard in the evenings as old salts quietly slide over the side.

And the Ship continues on.

So far over 6 Senators have decided they would prefer more time in port with their families. Also 7 Minnesota State House members have chosen to retire and tell their sea stories by the home hearth. By the end of this session we could expect over 30 posts abandoned.

And the Ship of State will sail on. Hopefully on a little leaner fuel, with less shallow water ops, fewer stops in dry-dock and for the general peace and quiet of all, less of that alarming whistle blowing.

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