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From: Bill Kalar
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 10:35 AM
To: 'Barbara Greenland'
Subject: RE: Star Lake Casino project

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Rich and Barbara Greenland – this will confirm receipt of your comments.

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From: Barbara Greenland [mailto:barbaragreenland72@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Bill Kalar
Cc: Rich Greenland
Subject: Star Lake Casino project

June 17, 2017

We are greatly concerned about the size and location of the Shooting Star Resort & Casino project. We have reviewed the EAW.

- There is nothing in this proposal that represents the concept of resort, there is a casino, hotel, event center and campground. The point is there is nothing in this EAW that addresses the resort aspect. There will be future plans coming that are not on the table. They are not coming forthright with the entire scope of the project. And to say that this project nears other resort projects in the area is ridiculous. It is not a replacement for the family resort.
- Driving down Co road 41 will be like driving by a sewage treatment facility not a wonderful little natural unnamed lake west of 41.
- The sky line will be forever changed with the massive water tower that's being proposed for this project. The county has a present commercial height of 20'.
- Nothing has been addressed about the gas station convenience store that accompanies virtually all casinos in the state. Once again, there's more coming with this project.
- Presently the tribe owns almost ½ mile of lakeshore on the main lake adjacent to township road 380.
- Once again the tribe hasn't come forward with the impact of that. The question is what if the tribe decides to build high density rental facilities on the shores of the main lake. That with a marina and several dozen docks. (Look at J&K Marine on Detroit Lakes -- how would that apply to Star Lake).

These are only 6 bullet points of many bullet points that we could address but they represent environmental concerns that the Board must consider. This project must be reviewed at the highest level. This project must go through the highest controls the government has to offer. We feel the least we could request is to review and assess the impacts of our neighborhood, community and the natural resources of Star Lake.

This project keeps growing as initially presented it was a 100 unit hotel and now it's a 200 unit hotel with a 400 seat event center. Where and when does it stop. How can it be stopped from overcoming Star Lake.

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From: Bill Kalar
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 11:38 AM
To: 'Lee Rogness'
Subject: RE: Star Lake Casino (Effects on Labor Market)

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Hi Lee – I will send the Greenlands' comment(s) to Houston Engineering.

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From: Lee Rogness [mailto:leerogness@yahoo.com]
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Cc: Wayne Johnson OTC ... Com
Subject: Fwd: Star Lake Casino (Effects on Labor Market)

Richard & Barb ...
Your attached memo is being forward to the office as an additional "comment".
Thanks
Lee

Lee Rogness
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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Richard Greenland <ragreenland15@gmail.com>
Date: June 27, 2017 at 8:26:43 PM CDT
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Dear Mr. Johnson, & Rogness:

See attached Document

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Dear Sirs:

Re : Star Lake Casino (Effects on Labor Market)

The WEN proposal for a new casino on Star Lake has noted that they intend to employ approximately 500 employees (250 reserved for tribal members and 250 from the local community.)

Considering the driving distance from the reservation, I would expect that the WEN allocation of 250 employees would be difficult to achieve. Let's assume they fill 100 leaving 400 employees pulled from the local labor pool.

We know there are help wanted signs throughout the local area, assuming most of these jobs are in the \$ 10 HR range that WEM has proposed. So we know that the work force for that level of emplacement is already very tight.

If this project is completed it will need the 400 employees from the local community. WEN will get their employees by out paying the local community employers. They have just invested 200 Million + / _ and they will pay whatever it takes . A local labor war.

Consider you are an employer in Ottertail County and you are competing with \$20 / HR wages and cannot compete. Your employees leave & YOU ARE OUT OF BUSINESS.

New Jobs for the community are great but upsetting the balance between employers and employees will have a major impact to the region your neighbors and fellow businessmen

Remember :

IF IT LOOKS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE IT PROBABLY IS. In this case it sure is.

This whole project needs the wide review that an EIS will give. Please vote accordingly.

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