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August 5, 2005

Mr. Jeff Schminke
USDA, Rural Development
2615 Farm Bureau Road
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

**RE: Agency Review Transmittal Form for Prairie Hawg Cycle & Leather, LLC—
Bluestem Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc.**

Dear Mr. Schminke:

I have received your request for comment by the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) on an application to USDA Rural Development from Bluestem Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc to assist Prairie Hawg Cycle & Leather, LLC. The loan will be used to assist in the construction of a sales and service building. The business will be located at 3695 Green Valley Parkway, Manhattan, Pottawatomie County, Kansas (within SE¼ NE¼ S10 T10S R8E).

I examined the USGS Manhattan 7½-minute topographic map, a 2002 orthophotograph, the NRCS Pottawatomie County Soil Survey, and a US Geological Survey report on the geology of Pottawatomie County (Scott, Foster, and Crumpton, 1959, USGS Bulletin 1060-C). The geologic map indicates that the site is on Quaternary Terrace deposits. Terrace deposits are composed on stream and river alluvium and could be aquifers. Care should be exercised in the handling of any hazardous materials at this site in order to protect the aquifer. The site is on Chase soils, which are fine-grained soils on stream terraces. Chase soils have moderate to high shrink-swell potential. This issue should be addressed in the design phase of the structure. The site is not located along a stream or river. The Kansas Geological Survey has no knowledge of other geologic issues affecting this application. The geologic issues should not delay this project, but should be addressed during the design phase. I have signed and enclosed the Agency Review Transmittal Form.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (785) 864-2194 or ohlmac@kgs.ku.edu.

Sincerely,

Gregory Ohlmacher, P.G.
Associate Scientist

Enc: Agency Review Transmittal Form

Comments by: G. Ohlmacher
Ks. Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, Ks. 66047

Transmittal Date: July 26, 2005

PROJECT TITLE: Prairie Hawg Cycle &
& Leather, LLC-Bluestem Elec. Cooperative Assoc, Inc
CONTACT PERSON:

☐ Notification of Intent
☐ Preapplication
☐ Final Application
☐ Direct Development

This form provides notification and the opportunity for your agency to review and comment on this proposed project required by executive Order 12372. Please complete Parts II & III as appropriate. Your prompt response will be appreciated.

RETURN TO: **USDA RURAL
DEVELOPMENT,
2615 Farm Bureau Road
Manhattan, KS. 66502
Attn: Kevin McCann**

PART I

REVIEW AGENCIES/COMMISSIONS

☐ Aging	☐ Education	☐ State Forester
☐ Agriculture-DWR	☒ Geological Survey, KS	☐ Transportation
☐ Biological Survey, KS	☐ Health & Environment	☐ Water Office, Kansas
☐ Conservation Commission	☐ Historical Society	☐ Wildlife & Parks
☐ Corporation Commission	☐ Human Resources	☐
☐ Commerce	☐ Social & Rehab. Services	☐

PART II

(To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person)

AGENCY REVIEW COMMENTS

COMMENTS:

see attached letter

PART III

(To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person)

RECOMMENDED ACTION COMMENTS

☐ Clearance of the project should be granted.	☒ Clearance of the project should not be delayed but the Applicant should be (in the final application) address and clarify the questions or concerns indicated above.
☐ Clearance of the project should not be granted.	
☐ Clearance of the project should be delayed until the issues or questions have been clarified.	☐ Request the opportunity to review final application prior to submission to the federal funding agency.
☐ Request a State Process Recommendation in concurrence with above comments.	

Reviewer's Name

DIVISION/AGENCY/COMMISSION

Date: 8/5/05

PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO 785-539-2733 As Soon As Possible.



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**

July 26, 2005

G. Ohlmacher
Ks. Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, KS. 66047

RE: Prairie Hawg Cycle & Leather, LLC – Bluestem Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.

The Bluestem Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., Wamego, Kansas has submitted an application for a Rural Economic Development Loan to USDA-Rural Development to assist Prairie Hawg Cycle & Leather, LLC. The purpose of the proposed loan will be to assist in the construction of a sales and service building in the Green Valley Business Park, Pottawatomie County, Kansas.

The building project will occur on lot #17 within the Green Valley Business Park which is a Planned Unit Development consisting of 70 acres. The lot being developed is 1.08 acres. The facility address is 3695 Green Valley Parkway, Manhattan, KS 66502. The site is not in a 100 or 500 year flood plain. Each lot has sewer mains, rural water lines, electric, phone, and gas services available. Adjacent lots are used for light industrial, commercial and service types of businesses. Surrounding land is agricultural and rural housing along highway frontage.

The legal description is: Lot 17, Green Valley Business Park, Unit Three, Pottawatomie County, Kansas. I have enclosed a preliminary plat map.

This letter is providing notification of the above-proposed project, as well as the opportunity for your agency to review and comment on the proposed project as required by Executive order 12372.

More specific information describing the proposal may be obtained from the following contacts:

APPLICANT

Bluestem Electric Cooperative Inc.
Ron Dickey, Services Manager
PO Box 5
Wamego, Kansas 66547
800-558-1580

ULTIMATE RECEIPIENT

Prairie Hawg Cycle & Leather, LLC
Jim and Dana Weeden, Owners
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Please provide your comments to this office, attention Jeff Schminke, Area Specialist, no later than 8-26-05. Faxed responses are acceptable.

Rural Development will not obligate funds for this project until we have completed an Environmental Assessment of the project.

Sincerely,


(for) JEFF J SCHMINKE
Area Specialist

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Attachment

