

SCHOOL MENUS

Perquimans Schools

■ **TODAY:** Breakfast: Assorted muffins. Lunch: Orange chicken with brown rice, baked cheese sandwich, steamed broccoli, corn, baked cherries, pineapple tidbits, milk.

■ **THURSDAY:** Breakfast: Super donut. Lunch: BBQ sandwich with slaw, chicken fillet sandwich, black-eyed peas, cheesy potatoes, apple slices, pears, milk.

■ **FRIDAY:** Breakfast: Pancake on a stick. Lunch: Pizza sticks with marinara sauce, fish nuggets/corn muffin, sweet potato fries, green beans, peaches, banana, milk.

■ **MONDAY:** Breakfast: Banana bread. Lunch: Chicken nuggets/biscuit, pepperoni pizza, French fries, steamed broccoli, applesauce cup, fruit cocktail, milk.

■ **TUESDAY:** Breakfast: Sausage biscuit. Lunch: Meatball sub, chicken fillet sandwich, glazed carrot coins, green limas, Mandarin orange slices, baked apples, milk.

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Breakfast: Breakfast bagel. Lunch: Ham slice/whole grain roll, cheeseburger, mashed potatoes, green peas, strawberry cup, pineapple tidbits, milk.

REGIONAL FARM TOUR VISITS PERQUIMANS



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Nearly 30 agronomists from across the state visited Perquimans County Sept. 22 for a regional farm tour. NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Regional Agronomist Adam Lassiter helped organize the visit. The tour was led by A.O. Roberts, president of Eure Seed Farms, Inc. and his son, plant manager Kevin Roberts.

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180 days because of the Christmas and New Years holidays.

"I don't want to take time away from my family I know and I don't want others to have to," Lennon said. "But I will say, this board listens to county residents."

Tommy Harrell, another Bear Swamp community resident, said he was happy to get a moratorium so the board could do more research. Harrell is seeking a one-mile setback between turbines and other property owners, an escrow account in case soil and environmental issues crop up plus

a decommissioning bond. He also asked the commission to prohibit anybody who wasn't a Perquimans resident from speaking Monday since it was a "public hearing" and they are not members of the Perquimans "public."

The board however opened up discussion to non-residents as well.

Kevin Chandler, the Apex public relations manager for the project, said Tuesday wind energy remains a good thing.

"Wind energy has a proven track record. There are wind farms in 39 states, and these facilities provide enough electricity to power 18 million homes. Wind provides clean electricity, new,

predictable revenue for communities, and additional income for landowners. Wind does this while emitting no air pollution and using no water.

"We now have the opportunity to spend the next 120 days working with the community to look closely at the benefits associated with the responsible siting of wind power projects in Perquimans County."

Normally county commission meetings are held in a first-floor conference room in the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex. It seats about 45. But Monday's meeting as well as one other county commission meeting and a planning board meeting was held

upstairs in a courtroom that can seat more than 140. Monday there were also a dozen folding chairs brought in.

Commission Chair Janice Cole accepted comments from every resident who signed up to speak, but limited them to three minutes and asked them to not repeat the same things others had said before them.

Cole cautioned, "this is not a performance, we're here to hear your comments."

Some of the speakers Monday said the prospects of 100 or so wind turbines, some 600-foot-tall to the tip of the turbine blade, would hurt the county.

Burt Eure, an agriculture

business owner in New Hope with property elsewhere, said wind turbines represented "the most invasive project in the history of Perquimans County."

The Apex project would straddle the Perquimans-Chowan line and according to the company's web site, includes 100 to 150 turbines. Both officials in Perquimans and Pasquotank County have said that the Iberdrola project will be the single largest taxpayer in both counties once completed.

Both the Iberdrola and Apex projects would also allow virtually all of the property capable of growing trees or crops and provide property owners who

have leases to the property owners that lease land.

Chandler said Apex has followed all the rules in place on the Timbermill project.

"Apex believes the existing 2010 ordinance lays out the proper rules for protecting public health, safety, and welfare while allowing for responsible wind energy in Perquimans County. The existing ordinance is modeled on recommendations by stakeholders and subject matter experts, and it is consistent with neighboring ordinances. It was strong and thorough enough for the county to approve the first wind farm in the Southeastern United States under its guidelines."

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petitions that were dismissed by the court," Copleman said. "The project has all the local, state and federal permits needed thanks to years of scientific study evaluating the site and a rigorous review process."

He said the Owens-Bidawid home is nearly a mile from the southern-most turbine in the project.

"In all we have six homes that are about a half a mile from the closest turbine," he said.

Engstrom said DNER issued a letter in March saying the project was subject to new state standards and

then a month later sent out another letter saying "never mind, no it's not."

The Federal Aviation Administration issued a ruling in June 2011 that the proposed project did not pose a hazard to aircraft, but that expired on Dec. 29, 2012. In June 2014 Iberdrola submitted a new set of applications to the FAA.

The plans differed in two ways. The towers were 499 feet tall, 13 feet higher than the original plan and some of the towers are in different locations.

Iberdrola has already begun building access roads for the project. The company plans to pour concrete foundations for 104 turbines early next year and be

finished by December 2016.

The Department of Environmental Quality concluded in April that the project is not subject to another review.

In the filing with the Office of Administrative Hearings, the couple checked seven boxes indicating how they were harmed by DNER and the division of energy,

mineral and land sources.

They claimed DNER deprived them of property, otherwise substantially prejudiced their rights, exceeded its authority or jurisdiction, acted erroneously, failed to use proper procedure, acted arbitrarily or capriciously and failed to act as required by law or rule.



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