

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MOWER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

December 19, 2005

The Mower County Board of Commissioners in and for the County of Mower, Minnesota, met in Special Session December 19, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota.

All members present, viz:     Raymond Tucker, Chair  
  David Hillier  
  Dick Lang  
  Garry E. Ellingson  
  Richard Cummings  
  Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator

A group representing Absolute Energy, LLC and Fagan, Inc. made a presentation about a proposed ethanol facility that may be located in Mower County. The group is considering several sites in northern Iowa and one site in Lyle, MN. Kathy Showalter of PlanScape Partners presented material on behalf of the group including economic benefits in terms of jobs, growth of tax base, support for alternate fuels and added value to agricultural economy. The proposed facility would generate 50 million gallons of ethanol annually, create 30 – 34 jobs, use 18.5 million bushels of corn and cost approximately \$83 million to construct.

Ms. Showalter requested economic assistance from Mower County in three areas as follows:

1. Property tax abatement for the maximum length allowed by Minnesota statute.
2. A \$5 million fully subordinated loan from Mower County payable over 20 years.
3. That the county would assist in applying for state or local grants and loans on the condition there would be no cost or liability to the County.

The group asked the Commissioners to hold a public hearing on their request for economic assistance.

Motion by Commissioner Hillier, seconded by Commissioner Ellingson to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Motion carried.

**THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

**Attest:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Coordinator**

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