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# PRESS RELEASE

## High Country Energy Elects A New Advisory Board Member

**Kasson, MN, July 29th, 2010:**

High Country Energy, LLC has elected Michael Frost to the wind project's local advisory board. Frost, a farmer and participant in High Country Energy, was elected to the board during the project's recent annual member's meeting. He represents community members within High Country's northern footprint, located in Dodge County's Concord, Milton, Wasioja and Mantorville townships and Olmsted County's New Haven and Kalmar townships.

"Mike's presence on the board will help us cultivate more participation in High Country Energy," says Bryant Hokeness, Chairman of the project's advisory board. "He is a recognized leader in the local farming community as Vice President of the Olmsted County Farmers Union and as a member of the Minnesota Farm Bureau. Because of his leadership roles and his experience farming in the area for over 25 years, he understands landowner issues and concerns. I think he will be very effective in helping frame High Country Energy's development to meet the needs of those in our northern footprint along with increasing overall interest in our project."

Frost is the 9<sup>th</sup> member of High Country Energy's advisory board. He joins current members Chairman Bryant Hokeness, Barry Rogne, Dan Hoffman, Dana Christie, Ken Binkely, Eric Lee, Lisa Heggedahl and John Meyer. The local advisory board ensures the community's voice is heard throughout the development process.

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"I am honored to be a part of High Country Energy's advisory board," says Frost. "I believe wind energy has great potential in our area, especially because High Country's status as a Community-Based Energy Development (C-BED) ensures that a significant portion of the project's benefits remain local. I encourage landowners to become involved because they can own a stake in the project and have a voice in the process. As a board member, I will listen to the concerns of my neighbors, look at all sides of a situation and help the board make the best decisions possible for the project's participants."

Formed in 2007, High Country Energy has significant land rights under agreement and the participation of over 300 local landowners and investors.

High Country Energy plans to elect two additional participating members to its advisory board during a late 2010 election. More details are forthcoming at a later date. If you are interested in learning more about High Country Energy or in becoming a board member, please contact one of our field specialists, Missy Kelley (507-259-7824), Dan Hemmingsen (507-993-2734) or Board Chairman Bryant Hokeness (952) 237-9812.

View Michael Frost's biography online: <http://highcountryenergy.us/michaelfrost>

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### **About High Country Energy:**

High Country Energy, LLC is a community-based wind development company located in Dodge, Olmsted and Mower Counties, Minnesota. Our company's objective is to develop up to 300 MW of wind turbine-based renewable energy. Our development commitment is to produce wind energy projects that are sustainable, generational and environmentally responsible. Our financial commitment is to assure that the financial benefits are shared with our local stockholders, area land owners and the surrounding community. Visit our website at [www.HighCountryEnergy.com](http://www.HighCountryEnergy.com).

### **About National Wind:**

National Wind is the leader in developing utility-scale (50 megawatts or larger) community wind energy projects. We form powerful community wind energy partnerships with property owners, assuring that the project's economic benefits are shared with the surrounding community. National Wind has participated in developing 13 wind energy projects and currently has over 4,000 megawatts in active development. National Wind projects are located in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Colorado, Texas and Ohio. The company has an additional 1,500 megawatts of wind energy in advanced feasibility study stages and is continually exploring expansion opportunities in other states. Please visit [www.nationalwind.com](http://www.nationalwind.com) for more information.