

# TailWinds

## Dear PG Community,

America is celebrating its 250th birthday, a milestone being marked by many events—especially locally, along the historic Route 66 corridor. As we reflect, we honor the deeply rooted farming nature of our host communities and their role in building our nation. Thank you for your continued support of the Panther Grove Wind Project.



## Construction Milestones

### April 2026

- 2 PG2 turbine bases poured

### June 2026

- 51+ PG1 turbines installed to date
- PG1 turbine deliveries completed

## Landowner Notices:

### Map Review

PG2 landowners, the construction site team is confirming final maps, showing locations of all infrastructure, before work begins on your land. Please contact Kristin Hurd at 309-230-5016 or David Hurd at 405-990-4512 to schedule a review time if you have not yet received

the final maps showing your participating land.

### Payment directives

Landowners can authorize payments to their tenant farms by filling out the payment directive form at the construction office. Please contact 309-214-4633 for more information.

## Turbine Tours

Representatives from LiUNA Local 996, students from Illinois Central College and Heartland Community College energy industry career programs, and educators from across the region recently joined the onsite PG team for a boots-on-the-ground look into the wind turbine construction process. The hands-on experience provided advanced technical education about daily operations, the impact of clean, local energy, and the workforce driving it.



# Community Spotlight

## In Memory: Howard Kruger



Panther Grove was deeply saddened to learn about the recent passing of Howard Kruger. A land agent who worked tirelessly to help landowners feel connected to the project, Howard was a friend and colleague with a larger-than-life personality.

"He was a very good friend of mine, having worked together closely for eight years," said PG developer Chris Green. "He was truly like a brother to me. We would not have achieved the success we did without him."

Howard's family has asked that anyone wishing to remember him please consider a donation to one of the non-profit organizations in which he deeply believed.

### Friends of Winona Parks Fund

Donate directly online through the Winona Community Foundation donate page <http://bit.ly/4xrGwbD>.

Or send a check to:

**Winona Community Foundation  
Friends of Winona Parks  
111 Riverfront, Suite 2E, Winona, MN 55987**

### Camp Olson

Scholarships for children unable to afford camp

<https://campolson.org/support/>

218-363-2207

[info@campolson.org](mailto:info@campolson.org)

### New office

The PG2 team is now operating out of a new location. As the project transitions from development to construction, the El Paso office is now permanently closed. Please visit our new location:

**1767 State Rt. 251 (Construction Laydown Yard)  
Minonk, IL 61760  
888-238-1494**

### Dinner dates

PG2 hosts monthly dinners to provide project updates, answer questions, and keep participants engaged. While we will still call you to request RSVPs, please be aware all dinners are 6 - 8 p.m. in Gridley on the following dates:

**July 16 | Aug 20 | Sept 17 | Oct 15 | Nov 12**

## Community Calendar

**July 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

America 250 Ice Cream Social  
Downtown Pontiac Courthouse Square

**July 15 – 18**

Livingston County Ag Fair  
18142 4-H Park Rd. | Pontiac

**August 14 – 16**

Flanagan Fest | 101 South Street

**Sept. 5, All Day**

Route 66: The Main Street of America  
Film Screening  
Eagle Performing Arts & Conference Center  
319 N. Plum St. | Pontiac

**Sept. 6, 1 p.m.**

Threshermen's Parade  
Downtown Pontiac

### Contact



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# Construction Process FAQs

As PG2 construction gets underway, we want to address some common questions we've heard.

## How are drain tiles replaced if they're damaged?

- PG2 is responsible for fixing or replacing drain tiles damaged on the participating land during construction. We will use rigid PVC pipe, double-walled corrugated drainage pipe, or another type of pipe that the landowner approves in writing.
- During construction, a crew follows the cable trencher and flags where tiles are broken while trenches are dug.
- PG2 will partner with a drain tile repair specialist to conduct all tile work.
- After construction across the entire project is finished, PG2 will provide explanations of the tile repairs, with the sites marked by GPS, including photos, maps, and outlines of the work performed.
- If you have tile maps and/or coordinates, please share with the PG2 team.
- PG2 pays for all related costs.

## Are there weather instruments and communication equipment on top of the turbines?

- Yes. Each turbine constantly measures wind speed and direction to maximize energy production.
- The wind data automatically controls the pitch of the blades and points the rotor at the prevailing winds.
- The turbines are networked to one another as well as with the regional electrical grid, allowing them to automatically "talk" to each other as needed and provide information to our operators.
- Weather and communication equipment are the only instruments on the exterior of the turbines.



- Blade tip height: 638'
- Rotor diameter: 534'
- Blade length: 261'
- Hub height: 370'

### Foundation

- Reinforcing steel, made in the USA: 69 to 72 tons per turbine
- Concrete volume: 865 to 925 cubic yards per turbine

## When will road work be done?

- PG2 is working with Livingston County and the townships of Waldo, Pike, Nebraska, and Rooks Creek to ensure public road work is conducted according to the Road Use Agreements.
- While construction is still in an early stage, we expect traffic to pick up soon. After construction, where applicable, all areas disturbed will be restored to pre-construction conditions as per our permits and lease agreements, including laydown sites at each turbine foundation, temporary road turns and farm fields.
- We are keeping residents informed of road closures on our website and through text messages.
- We invite you to participate in these announcements. Please visit <https://www.panthergrovewind.com> for construction updates; or, to register for road closure announcements on your phone, text PG2ROADS to 206-212-1277. Standard rates may apply.

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## Landowner Information

Please contact Kristin Hurd at (309) 230-5016 or stop at the construction laydown at 1767 State Route 251 in Minonk (across from Woodford Elevator) if you have:

- Purchased, sold and/or inherited property participating in Panther Grove Wind Project
- A name change to an entity that is a participating property in the Panther Grove Wind Project
- Changed your address (or temporarily moved to a winter address)
- Changed your phone number
- Changed your banking information (in case you have elected to be paid using ACH/Wire Transfer)

Panther Grove is proud to build turbine tower sections with U.S.-made steel and Colorado-manufactured components. Thank you to all our construction partners for your dedication and hard work.

