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These quotes are from an interview with Clark Scott on January 17, 2018. They have been edited for clarity.



Darlington, Wisconsin

Landowner Clark Scott

Born and raised in the Darlington, Wisconsin, area, Clark Scott operates the same dairy farm where he grew up. He raises dairy cows as well as a crop of corn, alfalfa, and soybeans. He lives with his wife in the house his parents used to live before they passed away, leaving the house he grew up in down the road to his son.

Scott didn't have a lot of concerns about the wind farm before talking with EDP Renewables but attended several meetings to better familiarize himself with the company. Through those early meetings, he learned more about Quilt Block Wind Farm as well as the land lease and construction timeline. He said the employees were very open, honest, and willing to answer questions.

"We got to know some of the EDPR employees so well, they were like family," Scott said. "I thought there might be more chaos but they did a good job. If we had any questions, we had people we could call directly, and they would respond immediately."

To construct the turbines, dirt had to be hauled in and out, roads widened or built, and there was an increase in truck traffic. That, however, resulted in overall improvements to the roads.

In most cases, Scott said, the area's roads were very poor before the construction and the results after building were a vast improvement the county and city were not otherwise equipped to fund.

"From our outlook, we are very impressed with EDP Renewables and the Quilt Block Wind Farm," said Scott. "I was surprised by how fast they went up. They seemed to work nonstop, including most weekends."

Scott and his family would converse with the truckers, and he said that it was educational to hear what they were doing and where they were from.

The Scott family is pleased with their decision to lease land to EDP Renewables for Quilt Block. They could clearly see the impact to the community, from the increased business at the hardware store to seeing workers and their families in the area.

As for the future of the turbines?

"Who knows?" Scott said. "We may see better technology before our 20-year lease is up, but I am happy to work with EDP Renewables on that project, too."

