

RECORD OF CONVERSATION  
Preliminary Staff Assessment Workshop  
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My name is Mike Riordan and I will be the spokesman for the Maxwell Fire Department. I am a member of the Maxwell Fire Department Board of Commissioners.

The proposed generating facility to be built within the boundaries of the Maxwell Fire District will greatly effect our current operation. The numbers alone reflect this fact. The generating facility being built at a cost of five hundred million dollars is two and one half times greater than all the homes, shops, rice facilities, tractors, harvesters, and all other taxable assests in our district. The current assessed value in our district is one hundred ninety million dollars.

The peak of six hundred employees working on site during construction is ~~larger than~~ <sup>almost equal to</sup> our district's entire population. We should also take into account the increased traffic on the roads in our district. Everything that goes into the facility will come through our district roads.

I have heard some people comment that the facility won't effect the Maxwell Fire Department. The Maxwell Fire Department is an all volunteer Fire Department with a part time chief who is under compensated for his time. Much of our equipment is outdated and aging.

We realize that you will have on site medical assistance to take care of minor incidents. However, every bulletin board at the site will list the emergency telephone number and that number is 911. Calling this number will cause the Maxwell Fire Department to be dispatched to your facility to respond to the emergency. As of now that would be a volunteer force, possibly a farmer that just got off a tractor or a fertilizer plant employee or a rice dryer employee but none the less a volunteer.

Case in point the newest piece of equipment  
an ~~fire~~ <sup>Rescue</sup> ~~responder~~ vehicle was purchased  
entirely by donations, fire fighters + Cadets  
without the help we would not have it!

We need to move to a point of having some paid firefighters and some new equipment to service the additional facility in our area. We need an ongoing source of income for these new commitments. We cannot put our heads in the sand and say nothing will ever happen out there. We need to plan for the things that could happen, not hope things won't happen.

We do not want to leave the impression that we don't want this facility in our district. On the contrary, this facility is a welcome influx of jobs and tax base to this county. We do not want the Maxwell Fire Department or the people in our district to suffer from under funding of the Maxwell Fire Department.

Thank you.