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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Gene Woodward says there are still some T&A ticket envelopes that haven't been picked up.
- Dick Jellum is conducting Adopt A Highway September 15. Be at the Community Center at 9:00
- Don Peterson passed out envelopes for pledges for CROP Walk. Linda Cline is Kiwassee's designated walker. Last year the club contributed \$2,000.
- Next week is Membership Roundup. Program is by Smitty's Ironworks.

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Walt Rupprecht presented \$300 check from Human & Spiritual Values to Norm Nehring of MPS for the *International Baccalaureate Program*.

Ginnie Morrison presented \$330 check from Human & Spiritual Values to Jim Rajewski representing *The Salvation Army* for its food program.

Diane Stevens presented \$527 check from Young Children Priority One to Cindy Reeves of Safe & Sound Child Advocacy for their Magic Ride program.

#### **PROGRAM**

Janet Vanderpool, accompanied by Ted Skinner, visited us today to talk about the new coal-fired power plant proposed to be built in Midland. Janet is the manager of the development phase of the project. A graduate of Michigan State, she has twenty years experience in the utility industry.

The plant will be a joint venture of LS Power and Dynegy. LS Power is the lead on the development stage and Dynegy will then manage the construction and operation of the facility. This is not a public utility operation. In other words, all the output would be sold under contract to specific customers around the state, not to retail customers through companies such as Consumer Power or DTE.

A study by the Michigan Public Service Commission predicts the state will need an additional 2,000 megawatts of electric power capacity by the year 2014. Midland was identified as a good potential site because it has existing infrastructure of transmission lines, rail service and cooling water.

The 750 megawatt plant would cost about \$1.5 billion, of which 20% would be for pollution control equipment. This portion is not subject to local property taxes. It is expected to add about 100 full time jobs for plant operation and another 150 or so in the community.

Environmental issues are huge when considering a new coal-fired power plant. This one is promoted as being the very latest technology with emissions a small percentage of the average existing plants. It would meet or exceed all Federal and State environmental requirements. It will burn low sulfur coal from Wyoming's Powder River Basin. Consideration is being given to supplementing the coal fuel with biomass materials to lower the CO2 emissions. Many hurdles remain. Once due diligence is completed then permits and other approvals and agreements will take at least two years to obtain.