

Commissioners' Meeting April 18, 2022

Talking Points

1. Comments concerning the absence of Exponential Digital employees for tonight's discussion.
 - a. During a power outage at the Ranger/Wingate Rd site, it was determined by the power company that a service line been shot, which caused a short in the power feed into the site. It was decided that for employee safety we would not have representative at tonight's meeting.
2. Comments concerning employees at both the Harshaw Rd Site and Ranger/Wingate Rd site.
 - a. All employees that handle the day-to-day functionality, maintenance, and upkeep of these locations are local residents. We are still in the process of hiring individuals to fully staff these locations to meet ongoing labor demands for maintaining these sites.
3. Comments concerning recent construction of a road on the property adjacent to the Harshaw Rd Site.
 - a. The property adjacent to the Harshaw Rd Site is not owned by Exponential Digital or any of its subsidiaries. The recent construction of an entrance into that parcel of land is for the company contracted for the state highway project to have a staging area for their materials (concretes culverts, drainage materials, gravel, etc.).
4. Comments concerning signage at both the Harshaw Rd Site and Ranger/Wingate Rd site.
 - a. The sign that reads "NOTICE, NO PHOTOS OR VIDEO ALLOWED" pertains to technicians, contractors, and/or designated visitors to the site. It is not directed at individuals that remain in the public right-of-way.
 - b. The sign that reads "CAUTION, Ear and eye protection required." pertains to technicians, contractors, and/or designated visitors to the site. It is not directed at individuals that remain in the public right-of-way.
 - c. The sign that reads "NO TRESPASSING, VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED" pertains to any individual(s) and/or group(s) that does not have explicit and advanced permission to be on the private property owned by Exponential Digital and its subsidiaries. No site managed by and/or owned by Exponential Digital and its subsidiaries is open to the public due to the confidentiality of our clients and required safety guidelines.
5. Comments concerning the sound from the Harshaw Rd Site.
 - a. Exponential Digital has been diligently working to identify ways to reduce and/or mitigate the sound at the Harshaw Rd Site. A sound survey study was conducted on December 28, 2021 to establish a baseline for the effect at several locations in the surrounding area. These locations were identified by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioner as residences

that had called with complaints about noise from the site. After the report and findings of that survey were reviewed, the current sound wall was erected to provide noise mitigation around most of the site with discussion to possibly complete the boundary pending the outcome of a follow-up sound survey. An additional sound survey was completed on April 13, 2022 at the same locations as the December 28, 2021 survey. The second sound survey showed decreases at several locations, with the only negligible increase being attributed to natural causes “such as birds, dogs, roosters, and breezes.” Before each of these sound studies, it was confirmed that equipment onsite was running at 100% of its operational capabilities to ensure levels were as consistent and accurate as possible.

- b. Technicians have developed a plan to transition away from the five (5) original containers that were installed at the Harshaw Rd Site. Although this will be a slow process to transition the machines onsite to other container/locations, work will begin on this plan early this week (week of April 18th). Onsite technicians have already established a baseline decibel reading around the boundaries of the location and will continue to monitor and record findings as changes are made throughout the movement process.