

Wind and Solar Farm Sub Committee Meeting
Monday May 8, 2023
5:00 p.m., 201 N Vermilion St., 2nd Floor, Danville, IL

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 and 3 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Steve Fourez called the Wind and Solar Farm Sub Committee meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Upon the call of roll, the following subcommittee members were present: Steve Fourez, Russ Rudd, Chris Crawford, and Curt Elmore. Adrian Greenwell joined via conference call. Harold Puzey arrived @ 5:52 P.M. 4 present and 2 absent. Also attending the meeting: Guest Speaker Attorney Andrew Keyt from Heyl Royster, County Board Member- Joe Eakle, Steve Miller, Jerry Hawker, Nancy O’Kane, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark, Audience Member- Becky Miller, William Donahue - County Board Risk Consultant, Jennifer Jenkins – Vermilion County Board Office Manager.

Agenda Item 4 - Adoption of the Agenda

Elmore moved, second by Crawford, to adopt the agenda. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 5 and 6 – Discussion and Action Regarding Ordinance Governing the Siting of Commercial Wind and Solar Energy Facilities

Steve Fourez introduced Attorney Andrew Keyt. Keyt explained that the Vermilion County State’s Attorney appointed him to work with the current State of Illinois statute and assist the Sub Committee members along with the County Board members to update and/or revise the current Vermilion County Wind and Solar ordinances. The subcommittee members and audience had available to them the following handouts; Illinois Commercial wind energy facilities and commercial solar energy facilities statute(s), Vermilion County Wind and Solar Farm Ordinance(s). These are the ordinances that Keyt discussed, starting with the Wind Farm Ordinance. He explained that several items within both Vermilion County Wind and Solar ordinances have been adjusted to follow the Illinois State Statute and adhered to requirements by the State of Illinois. He went through and explained such items and advised the subcommittee members that they could take the next week to look through the documentation and contact him with any questions or suggestions as he would advise and change, if able, upon their request. Any/all desired changes would need to be adjusted in the ordinances and presented and voted on by the County Board prior to the State of Illinois deadline of May26th.

Agenda Item 7 – Public Comment

Audience member, Becky Miller spoke to the subcommittee regarding her farm.

Fourez, along with Keyt, and the subcommittee determined that the next available meeting date would be Friday May 19th.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment of Meeting

Subcommittee Chairman Fourez adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Minutes by: Jennifer Jenkins, CB Office Manager