

**VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS
VERMILION COUNTY WIND AND SOLAR COMMITTEE
VERMILION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
201 N. VERMILION ST.
SECOND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD ROOM
DANVILLE, ILLINOIS**

MINUTES of MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2024 (recessed to and concluded on March 14, 2024)

Approved: November 22, 2024

Committee Members Present: Steve Fourez, Curt Elmore, Adrian Greenwell, Chris Crawford, Harold Puzey, and Russell Rudd.

Staff Members Present: Special Assistant State’s Attorney Andrew Keyt, Hearing Facilitator Scott Kains, Court Reporter Jamie Atkinson

I. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting opened at 9:00 am on February 23, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members of the Wind & Solar Committee were present for the meeting: Steve Fourez, Curt Elmore, Adrian Greenwell, Chris Crawford, Harold Puzey, and Russell Rudd.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda as presented by member Elmore, seconded by Greenwell. Roll call vote approved the minutes by 6 yeas and 0 nays.

IV. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

- a. Upon motion of member Elmore and seconded by Rudd, the meeting minutes of May 19, 2023, were approved via roll call vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays.
- b. Upon motion of member Rudd and seconded by Puzey, the meeting minutes of September 19, 2023, were approved via roll call vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays.

V. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON APPLICATION OF WOODYARD SOLAR, LLC (a subsidiary of NEXAMP, INC.), TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY APPROXIMATING 25 ACRES AND 4 MEGAWATTS. THE PROJECT IS LOCATED ON PARCEL NUMBER 32-36-100-011, OWNED BY

KEITH MILLS AND LOCATED AT W WOODYARD AVE., VILLAGE OF RIDGE FARM, VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Motion to approve the Findings of Fact made by member Puzey, seconded by Crawford. Roll call vote approved the Findings of Fact by 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Motion to recommend approval of the Application of Woodyard Solar, LLC with conditions made by member Crawford, seconded by Puzey. Roll call vote to recommend approval of the Application of Woodyard Solar, LLC with conditions passed by a roll call vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays.

All discussion related to this topic is reflected in the stenographic record.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON APPLICATION OF CVE US IL RIDGE FARM 324, LLC (a subsidiary of CVE NA DEVCO, LLC), TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY APPROXIMATING 61 ACRES OF LAND AND 5 MEGAWATTS. THE PROJECT IS LOCATED ON TWO PARCELS OF LAND: (1) PARCEL NUMBER 32-35-200-001 (APPROX. 30.5 ACRES) OWNED BY SHIRLEY FAMILY, LLC, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF INDIANOLA RIDGE FARM ROAD AND N 1340E ROAD IN ELWOOD TOWNSHIP, VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND (2) PARCEL NUMBER 32-35-200-003 (APPROX. 30.5 ACRES) OWNED BY SHIRLEY FAMILY, LLC LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF E 150N ROAD AND N 1340E ROAD IN ELWOOD TOWNSHIP, VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Motion to approve the Findings of Fact made by member Crawford, seconded by Elmore. Roll call vote approved the Findings of Fact by 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Motion to recommend approval of the Application of CVE US IL Ridge Farm 324, LLC with conditions made by member Crawford, seconded by Greenwell. Roll call vote to recommend approval of the Application of CVE US IL Ridge Farm, 324, LLC with conditions passed by a roll call vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays.

All discussion related to this topic is reflected in the stenographic record and the following: On March 14, 2024, at 3:00 pm, the hearing on this project reconvened. There was presentation by the developer with a redesign of the project area to account for the waterway area and further discussion from the developer on how to account for and protect the waterway area. The committee discussed the potential project's impact with the waterway and was satisfied that appropriate protections will be in place to protect the area and its drainage systems.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Member Rudd made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Greenwell. Whereupon roll call vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm on March 14, 2024.