

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

June 16, 2021 Special Meeting

The Blackford County Council met at 6:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse located at 110 W Washington Street, Hartford City, Indiana for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the Special Meeting to order and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. Those members answering roll were Jack Beckley, Karen Mealy, Ryan Goodspeed, Dan Borgenheimer, Fred Tobey and Kyle Lechien. Patrick Cale was absent Also present were: in person were Warren Brown, Paul Schriver, Mary Beal and Kyle Resetarits representing EDF. Attending on Zoom: Jon Jinks, John Lancaster, Jason Semler, Nathan Wiles and Jesse Laniak.

Warren Brown introduced the project to be discussed as a proposed solar field in Blackford County. Kyle Resetarits and Jesse Laniak from EDF Renewables are present to give information on the project.

Kyle Resetarits explained EDF Renewables is asking for the establishment of an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) for the proposed solar field. This allows the county to approve the abatement of taxes within the ERA.

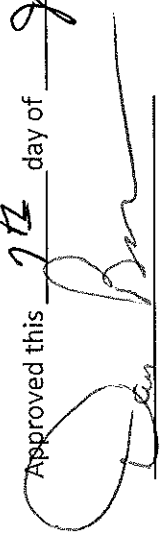
The solar company is also asking for an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) to be approved. The EDA begins when the project is fully assessed which is estimated to be in 2024 payable in 2025 for taxes. EDF Renewables plans to invest \$200M in the county and is asking for a 10-year 100% tax abatement. EDF Renewables will pay the county \$1M per year for three years and then \$250,000 per year for eight years. The payments will start once the product is being sold. This could be in 2023 or 2024. Construction is estimated to take twelve to eighteen months.


The solar panels are estimated to have a life of 30-35 years. An agreement between EDF and Blackford County will state that EDF will repair/replace roads damaged by construction and/or removal of the solar project.

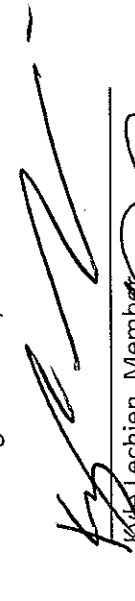

Ryan Goodspeed moved to approve Resolution 2021-R18 Declaratory Resolution for the Creation of an Economic Revitalization Area. Karen Mealy 2nd and the vote was 6/0. Patrick Cale was absent.

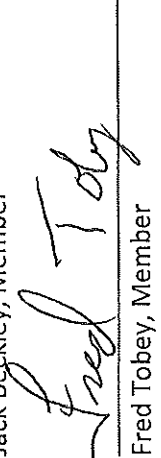
There being no further comment Dan Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien.

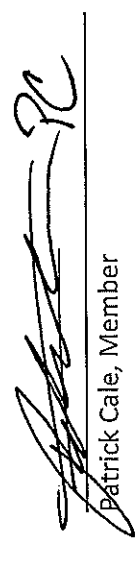
Approved this 16th day of July, 2021.

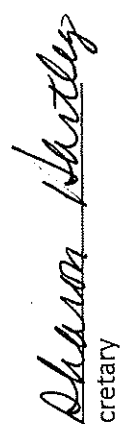

Dan Borgenheimer, President


Karen Mealy, Vice President


Kyle Lechien, Member

Ryan Goodspeed, Member

Jack Beckley, Member

Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary