Minutes of the Special Meeting

of the Perry County Board of Commissioners, Perry County, Illinois, held on the 6th day of April, A.D. 2026, in the Pinckneyville Community Building, Pinckneyville, Illinois.

Chairman Bruce Morgenstern called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., and lead the invocation and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was answered by Commissioners Joseph Folden and Jennifer Martin and Chairman Bruce Morgenstern. Also present were County Clerk Robert Kelly and Attorney Aaron Atkins.

Chairman Morgenstern took up the matter of the approval of the agenda. Mr. Pete Doerr, who was present in the gallery asked to be recognized. Commissioner Martin moved to approve the agenda, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Folden. The motion passed with voice vote with Commissioners Folden, Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

Chairman Morgenstern asked to receive public comments. Mr. Doerr, having seen that the agenda had items regarding a solar project, came to inquire regarding the solar project being developed in his neighborhood. Mr. Doerr was advised by Zoning Administrator Becky Tracy, that the solar project in his area is the Camelot solar project, formerly being developed by Pinegate Renewables, now being developed bu Morning Star. This is a different solar project that the one appearing on the agenda for the present meeting which is the Granny's Creek Road Solar Energy Facility. Mr. Doerr was also advised that most land owners in his neighborhood are selling their real estate for the solar project, rather than leasing.

No one else in the gallery requested to be recognized.

Chairman Morgenstern proceeded with the agenda, and began with approval of Special Use Permit SUP-26-03 for Robin Presswood to place a used 2016 30' x 62' (1,880 sf) mobile home on property owned by Jackie Davison (20 Acre parcel) at 8285 Sassafras Road, Du Quoin, IL 62832. Zoning Administrator Becky Tracy advised that the Zoning Board met on April 1, 2026, and voted to unanimously to recommend granting the special use permit to the applicant. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Folden to grant SUP-26-03. Roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Folden and Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

Zoning Administrator Becky Tracy also advised that the Zoning Board met on April 1, 2026, and voted to unanimously to recommend granting the special use permit SUP-26-04 for Matt and Sarah Brendel to place a new 2026 60 x 30 (1,800 sf) mobile home on property identified as 1-64-0190-251 near Brushy Creek Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Folden to grant SUP-26-04. Roll call vote was taken

with Commissioners Folden and Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

Zoning Administrator Becky Tracy also advised that the Zoning Board met on April 1, 2026, and voted to unanimously to recommend granting the special use permit SUP-26-05 for New Leaf Energy to construct and operate a 2.49 MW solar farm to be known as Grannys Creek Road Solar Energy Facility on an approximate 79-acre parcel at the intersection of Grannys Creek Road and State Route 14 in Du Quoin, IL. The property is PIN 1-61-0420-161. A motion was made by Commissioner Folden, seconded by Commissioner Martin to grant SUP-26-05. Roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Folden and Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

Zoning Administrator Becky Tracy also advised that the Zoning Board met on April 1, 2026, and voted to unanimously to recommend granting the special use permit SUP-26-06 for Great Plains Storage II, LLC to construct and operate a 100 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) on an approximate 10-acre parcel of undeveloped land east of Nashville Road in the Swanwick Precinct. The BESS will be sited on land adjacent to the Great Plains Solar, LLC solar farm and sited within the land area subject to the Great Plains Solar, LLC solar farm's issued special use permit on property owned by DESRI Great Plains Land Holdings, LLC; and, will support the Great Plains Solar, LLC solar project. A motion was made by Commissioner Folden, seconded by Commissioner Martin to grant SUP-26-06. Roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Folden and Martin and Chairman Morgenstern all voting "aye."

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Martin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Folden. Chairman Morgenstern called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn, with all present voting "aye". Chairman Morgenstern gaveled the meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron A. Atkins

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Chairman Morgenstern

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Commissioner Folden

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Commissioner Martin