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COUNTY OF LEE)

In the Matter of the Petition of

Shady Oaks Wind 2, LLC Lee County, Illinois

Testimony of Witnesses Produced, Sworn and Examined on this 23rd day of June, A.D., 2020, before the Lee County Zoning Board of Appeals

Present:

Craig Buhrow
Mike Pratt
Gene Bothe
Glen Hughes
Rex Meyer
Bruce Forster, Chairman

Alice Henkel, Secretary Dee Duffy, Zoning Enforcement Officer

Honorable Judge Tim Slavin, Facilitator

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JUDGE SLAVIN: Welcome everyone to tonight's session of the Shady Oaks 2, LLC's, petition for Special Use Permits, Lee County Petition Number 20 P 1552.

This is a re-set, continued session from a recess about a week ago.

Present with us tonight are all regular members of the Lee County ZBA: Mr. Forster, Mr. Buhrow, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Bothe. For the Petitioner appears Ms. Courtney Kennedy. Your fine new State's Attorney, Mr. Boonstra, is present. Your always-excellent Zoning Officer, Dee Duffy, is present.

And we are ready to proceed. When we left off, we were -- the Board was considering factfinding motions, recommendations, and we -- I'll pick it up again, and the floor is open for further motions.

MR. PRATT: Your Honor.

JUDGE SLAVIN: Yes, sir.

MR. PRATT: I'd like to make a motion.

JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Wait a minute. I have got to get the technology going there. Now I got to find share screen. Share. Hey, how

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about that. Can you see it there? 1 Is it big 2 enough? 3 MR. PRATT: Yup. JUDGE SLAVIN: 4 Okay. You may -- the floor is yours. 5 MR. PRATT: My motion is, the Lee County 6 7 ZBA finds that the Petitioner has agreed to utilize established and accepted engineering 8 9 best management practices to manage stormwater, siltation, and erosion during construction, but 10 does not specify what those practices are. 11 I have a motion. Do I hear JUDGE SLAVIN: 12 a second? 13 14 MR. BOTHE: Second. JUDGE SLAVIN: I hear a number of seconds. 15 16 Mr. Pratt, it was your motion. Would you like to address it? 17 They said they would do best 18 MR. PRATT: management practices, but they never did 19 elaborate what they were. So just trying to 20 2.1 specify that. Okay. Any further comment, 2.2 JUDGE SLAVIN: 23 debate from members of the ZBA -- other members of the ZBA? 24

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(No verbal response.) 1 JUDGE SLAVIN: Seeing no indication of a 2 want to do so, I will put the question. 3 question being put is whether the Lee County ZBA 4 finds that the Petitioner has agreed to utilize 5 established and accepted engineering best 6 7 management practices to manage stormwater, siltation, and erosion during construction but 8 9 does not specify what those practices are. Passage of this motion requires a vote by 10 11 the majority. The vote will be by voice. All 12 those in favor indicate by saying aye. (All those simultaneously 13 14 responded.) All those opposed by nay. 15 JUDGE SLAVIN: (No verbal response.) 16 The motion carries. 17 JUDGE SLAVIN: The 18 floor is back open. MR. PRATT: Your Honor, I'd like to make a 19 motion. 2.0 2.1 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Pratt. The Lee County ZBA finds that 2.2 MR. PRATT: 23 the Petitioner provided evidence that they signed a Community Benefit Agreement with the 24

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Village of Paw Paw, but no evidence was provided 1 2 as to what the agreement contained. That's my motion. 3 JUDGE SLAVIN: Do I hear a second? 4 MR. BUHROW: Second. 5 JUDGE SLAVIN: I hear a couple seconds 6 again. 7 The floor is open for debate. Mr. Pratt, 8 9 your motion. MR. PRATT: No comment. 10 Okay. Any other members 11 JUDGE SLAVIN: 12 wish to address the pending motion? (No verbal response.) 13 14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Seeing no indication, I will put the question. The question being put 15 is whether the Lee County ZBA finds that the 16 17 Petitioner provided evidence that they signed a 18 Community Benefit Agreement with the Village of Paw Paw, but no evidence was provided as to what 19 the agreement contained. 20 21 Passage of the motion requires a vote by the majority. Those in favor will indicate by 2.2 23 saying aye. I'm sorry, that was Paw Paw? MS. DUFFY: 24

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MR. PRATT:
                          I think it was Paw Paw.
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              MS. DUFFY:
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              JUDGE SLAVIN:
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                              All those opposed by nay.
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                        (No verbal response.)
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              All right. The floor is again open for
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              JUDGE SLAVIN: Can you call my
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         previously-Numbered 29.
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              JUDGE SLAVIN:
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                            The Lee County ZBA finds that
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         the proposed Special Use will have the following
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1, up to 28 WTGs of either 449.36 feet or 1 590.4 feet will be imposed on predominately 2 agriculture land covering approximately 4,309 3 acres adjacent to, and in some cases intermixed 4 with, existing WTGs of a currently-operating 5 WECS development. 6 7 Okay. I have a -- I have JUDGE SLAVIN: the motion. Do I hear the second? 8 9 MR. PRATT: Second. JUDGE SLAVIN: Hearing a second, the floor 10 11 is open for debate. Mr. Hughes, your motion. 12 You may comment first. MR. HUGHES: No further comment. 13 14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other Board members wish to critique? question? address? 15 (No verbal response.) 16 17 JUDGE SLAVIN: Seeing no indication of a desire to do so, I will put the question. 18 question being put is whether the Lee County ZBA 19 finds that the proposed Special Use will have 2.0 the following effects on the character of the 2.1 neighborhood and the surrounding properties as 22 follows: 23

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1, up to 28 WTGs of either 449.36 feet or

590.4 feet will be imposed on predominately 1 agricultural land, covering approximately 4,309 2 acres adjacent to, and in some cases intermixed 3 with, existing WTGs of a currently-operating 4 WECS development. Passage of the motion requires a vote by 6 the majority. The vote will be by voice. 7 those in favor indicate by saying aye. 8 9 (All those simultaneously responded.) 10 JUDGE SLAVIN: 11 Those opposed by nay. 12 (No verbal response.) JUDGE SLAVIN: Another motion adopted 13 14 unanimously. Okay. Floor is open again. 15 MR. HUGHES: Your Honor. 16 17 JUDGE SLAVIN: Yes, sir. 18 MR. HUGHES: Previously-Numbered 30. JUDGE SLAVIN: I think I've got the same 19 numbers, but I'm not sure. 20 2.1 MR. HUGHES: Okay. JUDGE SLAVIN: I could have made a 2.2 mistake. 23 I didn't know if you had MR. HUGHES: 24

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changed them due to --1 2 JUDGE SLAVIN: No. I kept them going because otherwise I was going to get confused. 3 The Lee County ZBA finds that 4 MR. HUGHES: the proposed Special Use will not impose new 5 effects on public health, public safety, and/or 6 7 general welfare. JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. Do I hear a 8 9 second? Second. MR. BOTHE: 10 All right. Debate on the 11 JUDGE SLAVIN: 12 motion. Your motion, Mr. Hughes. MR. HUGHES: No further comment. 13 14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other members wish to address the pending motion? Yes, sir. 15 MR. PRATT: Can I make an amendment to 16 17 that motion? Sure. Motion to amend. 18 JUDGE SLAVIN: MR. PRATT: Yes. I'd like to add another 19 sentence to that. 20 2.1 JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. I'm going to do this, I'm going to put -- I thought about this 22 23 the other day. Okay. Shoot. The Petitioner shall 24 MR. PRATT: Okay.

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operate the WECS project without risk of fire. 1 2 JUDGE SLAVIN: I'm sorry. Typing with gloves on. I'm not that bad at typing. 3 The Petitioner shall operate the WECS 4 development, yup. 5 MR. PRATT: Without risk of fire, comma. 6 7 JUDGE SLAVIN: Without risk of fire. MR. PRATT: Offensive noise, comma. 8 9 JUDGE SLAVIN: Offensive noise, comma. Oops. Wait a minute. Yup. 10 MR. PRATT: Vibration, comma. 11 12 JUDGE SLAVIN: Vibration, comma. MR. PRATT: Dust, comma. 13 14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Dust, comma. 15 MR. PRATT: Smoke, comma. 16 JUDGE SLAVIN: Smoke, comma. 17 MR. PRATT: Or odor, comma. 18 JUDGE SLAVIN: Odor, comma. MR. PRATT: Glare, comma. 19 JUDGE SLAVIN: Glare. 20 2.1 MR. PRATT: Lighting, comma. JUDGE SLAVIN: Lighting, comma. 2.2 23 MR. PRATT: Explosion, or the like. JUDGE SLAVIN: Explosion what? 24

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MR. PRATT: Explosion. 1 2 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. MR. PRATT: Or the like. 3 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Or the like. 4 didn't -- got it. Yup. 5 MR. PRATT: And the WECS project shall not 6 7 be detrimental to public health, safety -- I don't know if you really need to include that. 8 9 JUDGE SLAVIN: It's your motion. MR. PRATT: Let's just stop after "the 10 like." 11 12 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. After "the like." MR. PRATT: Yeah, just period there. 13 like to add that sentence. 14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Is this a new motion or is 15 this an amendment? 16 MR. PRATT: An amendment to his motion. 17 18 JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. Do I hear a second? 19 MR. BOTHE: Second. 20 2.1 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Debate on the motion, Mr. Pratt? 22 MR. PRATT: 23 No comment. JUDGE SLAVIN: Others, debate on the 24

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motion? 1 MR. HUGHES: Just clarification on how 2 we're fitting that in. Are we going to keep it 3 in "and/or general welfare, as follows," and 4 then go into that sentence? 5 JUDGE SLAVIN: Well, look -- if we did 6 7 that, look how it reads. I'm not sure. MR. HUGHES: That's what I'm questioning, 8 9 the language of how it reads. MR. PRATT: I was under the impression 10 that we would add to these "as follows" comments 11 12 on other ones, too, yet. JUDGE SLAVIN: Well, this sounds -- I 13 14 mean, I'm just going to add, this sounds more like a condition to granting approval. 15 16 motion is, the Lee County ZBA finds the proposed 17 Special Use will not impose new effects on 18 public health, safety, or general welfare. Now, the reason it says "as follows," is 19 because it says will not --20 MR. HUGHES: Or will. 2.1 JUDGE SLAVIN: Or will. Excuse me. Will 22

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impose, then you would list them.

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Well, in the past though when

we got into this point in the petitions, we make a list of reasons to support that statement. I thought that's what we were trying to do here.

MR. HUGHES: Not always. If we don't find an effect, then usually there's -- I mean, we might say nominal or no, but that's the extent of it, rather than will or will not.

MR. FORSTER: Right.

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MR. PRATT: I'm open for suggestions. I just -- if you're against it, that's fine with me. You can vote it down.

JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other debate on the motion?

(No verbal response.)

JUDGE SLAVIN: Hearing none, I'm going to put the question. Remember, this is just a vote on the motion to amend Mr. Hughes' motion. So the question being put is whether what we have identified as Motion Number 30 will be amended to provide another -- apparently another sentence: The Petitioner shall operate the WECS development without risk of fire, offensive noise, vibration, dust, smoke, odor, glare, lighting, explosion, or the like.

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I think you gentlemen better take a break 1 and talk to your State's Attorney about this 2 one, frankly. I don't want to give you legal 3 advice, but that one --4 (A discussion was held off 5 the record.) 6 JUDGE SLAVIN: We have got a motion and a 7 So it requires a vote. All those in second. 8 9 favor of amending Mr. Hughes' motion by adding this sentence, indicate by saying aye. 10 11 (No verbal response.) JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Pratt has to vote for 12 his motion, so that's one. 13 14 MR. PRATT: Aye. JUDGE SLAVIN: All those opposed. 15 (Mr. Buhrow, Mr. Bothe, 16 17 Mr. Forster, Mr. Hughes, and 18 Mr. Meyer simultaneously responded.) 19 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Motion is defeated. 20 2.1 Okay. So that having been defeated, we're back to putting the question on -- well, 2.2 actually, any other debate on Number 30, as 23 Mr. Hughes' motion has been made and seconded? 24

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(No verbal response.) 1 JUDGE SLAVIN: Seeing none, I will put the 2 The question being put is whether the 3 question. Lee County ZBA finds that the proposed Special 4 Use will not impose new effects on public 5 health, public safety, and/or general welfare. 6 7 Better make it accurate up there. fault. 8 9 Passing of this motion requires a vote by the majority. The vote will be by voice. All 10 those in favor indicate by saying aye. 11 12 (All those simultaneously responded.) 13 14 JUDGE SLAVIN: All those opposed by nay. (No verbal response.) 15 16 JUDGE SLAVIN: Motion is adopted. 17 Okay. Moving forward, foraging ahead. Number 31. 18 MR. HUGHES: JUDGE SLAVIN: And we are there. 19 MR. HUGHES: The Lee County ZBA finds that 2.0 2.1 the proposed Special Use will have an effect on traffic conditions as follows: 2.2 23 1, during the approximate six-month construction period there will be an increase in 24

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traffic -- increased traffic in the proposed

WECS area and on adjacent state and county roads
during varying periods of time; however, nominal
or no discernible effect on traffic is expected
after completion of the construction.

JUDGE SLAVIN: Motion has been made. Do I hear a second?

MR. BOTHE: Second.

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JUDGE SLAVIN: Hearing a second, debate on the motion? You're first, Mr. Hughes.

MR. HUGHES: No additional comment.

JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other Board members?

(No verbal response.)

JUDGE SLAVIN: Seeing none, I will put the question. The question being put is whether the Lee County ZBA finds that the proposed Special Use will have an effect on traffic conditions as follows:

1, during the approximate six-month construction period there will be increased traffic in the proposed WECS area and on adjacent state and county roads during varying periods of time; however, nominal or no discernible effect on traffic is expected after

completion of the construction. 1 2 Adoption of the motion requires a vote by the majority. The vote will be by voice. 3 those in favor indicate by saying aye. 4 5 (All those simultaneously responded.) 6 7 All those opposed by nay. JUDGE SLAVIN: (No verbal response.) 8 9 JUDGE SLAVIN: Motion is passed -adopted. Okay. 10 Mr. Chairman. 11 MR. BUHROW: 12 JUDGE SLAVIN: Yes, sir. MR. BUHROW: I move, Number 32, the Lee 13 14 County ZBA finds the proposed Special Use will have an effect on public utilities as follows: 15 There will be an increase of renewable 16 17 energy available to the regional electric grid. 18 I changed the last couple of words. JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Let me catch up to 19 you in just a minute. On the area's 20 21 renewable -- say --MR. BUHROW: To the region's electric 22 23 grid. JUDGE SLAVIN: To the region's electric 24

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grid. Okay. Does that look like your motion, 1 2 Mr. Buhrow? MR. BUHROW: I think so. 3 4 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Do I hear a second? MR. HUGHES: Second. 5 JUDGE SLAVIN: Hearing a second, the floor 6 7 is open for debate on the motion. Mr. Buhrow, your motion. 8 I've dealt a little bit with 9 MR. BUHROW: this over the years. I have got a main power 10 line that everybody hooks to going on my place, 11 12 so I talk to ComEd off and on about this stuff. Our electricity, every hearing we have had 13 14 people have wondered, is this going to affect me down the road? And it's not. It gets put on 15 16 the grid and goes all over wherever. So that's 17 kind of a response to that. That's kind of a 18 term they use. JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other -- oh, sorry. 19 Any other comment? 20 21 (No verbal response.) Seeing none, I'll put the 2.2 JUDGE SLAVIN: 23 The question being put is whether the question. Lee County ZBA finds that the proposed Special 24

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Use will have an effect on public utilities as 1 2 follows: There will be an increase of renewable 3 energy available to the regional electric grid. 4 Adoption of the motion requires a vote by 5 the majority. The vote will be by voice. 6 All 7 those in favor indicate by saying aye. (All those simultaneously 8 9 responded.) JUDGE SLAVIN: Opposed by nay. 10 (No verbal response.) 11 12 JUDGE SLAVIN: Motion is unanimously adopted. 13 14 Okav. The floor is back to you, gents. MR. HUGHES: Let's move on to 33. The Lee 15 County ZBA finds that the proposed project will 16 17 not substantially impact local wildlife and/or 18 threatened species, period. JUDGE SLAVIN: Let me get the bad stuff 19 out of there. There we go. Okay. 20 That 21 probably looks like it. MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. 2.2 23 JUDGE SLAVIN: I have a motion. Do I hear a second? 24

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MR. PRATT: Second. 1 JUDGE SLAVIN: Hearing a second, the floor 2 Mr. Hughes, any comment on 3 is open for debate. 4 your own motion? MR. HUGHES: No further comment. 5 JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other Board member? 6 7 The only comment I would say, MR. BUHROW: that's kind of interesting in this one, this 8 9 probably had the least amount of threatened species or anything out of any of them that we 10 11 have looked at, at all. There's just virtually 12 nothing over there. JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other comment? 13 14 (No verbal response.) JUDGE SLAVIN: Hearing none, I'll put the 15 16 question. The question being put is whether the 17 Lee County ZBA finds that the proposed project will not substantially impact local wildlife 18 and/or threatened species. 19 The adoption of the motion requires a vote 20 21 by the majority. The vote will be by voice. All those in favor indicate by saying aye. 2.2

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JUDGE SLAVIN: Those opposed by nay. 1 2 (No verbal response.) JUDGE SLAVIN: The motion is indeed 3 4 adopted. The ball is back in your court, 5 fellas. 6 7 MR. HUGHES: Number 34. The Lee County ZBA recommends to the Lee County Board that 8 9 Shady Oaks 2, LLC's, petition for Special Use be approved and that Shady Oaks 2, LLC, shall be 10 bound by any and all conditions proposed within 11 12 its petition, Number 20-P-1552, and that, further, any and all other proposals and 13 14 representations made under oath at the public hearing before the ZBA shall be considered 15 16 conditions of the Special Use Permit granted by 17 the Lee County Zoning Board, even if not 18 expressly specified herein or therein. JUDGE SLAVIN: You said Lee County -- I'm 19 just going to make sure I heard you. You said 20 2.1 Permit granted by the --2.2 MR. HUGHES: Lee County Board. 23 JUDGE SLAVIN: You said Lee County Zoning Board. 24

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MR. HUGHES: Did I? 1 2 JUDGE SLAVIN: That's okay. I just want to make sure you misspoke. 3 MR. HUGHES: I did. I don't remember 4 saying that. 5 JUDGE SLAVIN: That's all right. I do it 6 7 all the time. All right. Do I hear a second to this 8 motion? 9 MR. PRATT: 10 Yup. 11 JUDGE SLAVIN: Is that a second, 12 Mr. Pratt? MR. PRATT: 13 Yes. 14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Hearing a second, it's your motion, Mr. Hughes. Would you like to 15 comment on it? 16

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MR. HUGHES: Only that the application was fairly complete; however, comments were made during the testimony that probably clarified some points, and I thought that that should be included relative to the condition -- the consideration of conditions that some of that will be further clarified specifically. But from a general standpoint, I thought that that

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be appropriate. 1 2 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Any other Board members? 3 (No verbal response.) 4 JUDGE SLAVIN: Seeing none, I will put the 5 The question being put is whether the 6 question. 7 Lee County ZBA recommends to the Lee County Board that Shady Oak 2, LLC's, petition for 8 9 Special Use be approved, and that Shady Oaks 2, LLC, shall be bound by any and all conditions 10 proposed within its petition, Number 20-P-1552, 11 12 and that, further, any and all other proposals and representations made under oath at the 13 14 public hearing before the ZBA shall be considered conditions of the Special Use Permit 15 granted by the Lee County Board, even if not 16 17 expressly specified herein or therein. 18 Adoption of this motion requires a vote by the majority. The vote will be by voice. All 19 those in favor indicate by saying aye. 20 2.1 (All those simultaneously responded.) 2.2 23 JUDGE SLAVIN: Opposed by nay. (No verbal response.) 24

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JUDGE SLAVIN: Unanimously adopted. 1 Okay. Floor remains open. 2 MR. HUGHES: Your Honor. 3 JUDGE SLAVIN: 4 Sir. MR. HUGHES: Let's move on to the proposal 5 that was numbered 36. 6 7 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Give me a minute to get there, if you don't mind. 8 9 Okay. This is one you sent me the other If -- I put "motion" behind each one. 10 11 If you want to do it all at once, that's not a 12 That's up to you. problem. MR. HUGHES: Just because of the format of 13 14 them, I was going to propose them all as one. JUDGE SLAVIN: 15 Okay. 16 MR. HUGHES: If there becomes some debate, 17 we can pull them out individually. 18 JUDGE SLAVIN: Sure. MR. HUGHES: Relative to miscellaneous 19 specific conditions, the Lee County ZBA 20 2.1 recommends to the Lee County Board that, if the Petitioner, Shady Oaks 2, LLC's, petition for 22 23 Special Use under consideration is allowed, the Petitioner, Shady Oaks 2, LLC, shall, subsequent 24

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to granting of a Special Use Permit and prior to the receipt of a building permit, provide a certification by a registered professional engineer that the tower design of the WECS is sufficient to withstand wind load requirements for structures as defined by BOCA, and clarifying that in parentheses, Building Officials Conference of America, closed parentheses, period.

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B, not install a WTG within 1.1 times the WTG height, parentheses, as determined by a measurement from the base of the WTG to the maximum blade tip height, closed parentheses, of any property line unless such property owner has waived said 1.1 times the WTG height buffer.

C, not install a WTG within 1.1 times the WTG height of any dedicated road, railroad right-of-way, or right-of-way for overhead electrical transmissions or distribution or -- lines or communication towers.

D, not install a WTG within 1.1 times the WTG height of any residence located on a participating project parcel unless such property owner has waived said 1.1 times WTG

1 height buffer.

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E, not install a WTG within 3.5 times the WTG height, parentheses, as determined by a measurement from the base of the WTG to the maximum blade tip height, closed parentheses, of any primary structure, parentheses, school, church, residence, or public building, closed parentheses, located on a nonparticipating parcel unless such property owner has waived said 3.5 times WTG height buffer.

F, not install a WTG within 3.5 times the WTG height from the boundary of any lot in a residential platted subdivision.

G, record any negotiated setback easement with the Lee County Recorder and provide a copy to the Lee County Planning and Zoning Administrator.

And that would be my motion.

JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Motion has been made. Do I hear a second?

MR. PRATT: Second.

JUDGE SLAVIN: Hearing a second, the floor is open for debate. Your motion, Mr. Hughes.

MR. HUGHES: No comment.

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1 MR. FORSTER: I'd like a --

JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other Board member?

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MR. FORSTER: I'd like to ask the question, should we amend this a little bit on the prior to the building permit and whatever -- not only does the Zoning Officer receive the setback easement from the recorder, but also the agricultural agreement, the road agreement, and any of the other general agreements that have to be made before we --

MR. HUGHES: Should we do that at this time or put that into the --

MR. FORSTER: I think they go right with this, because this is prior to the building permit. So that would mean that the agricultural agreement, the road agreement, Dee would have copies of them to put in the file so that we know all of those things were done.

MR. HUGHES: Okay. My only -- I'm sorry.

My only thought there was, we have got -- we may have conditions relative to the road use and the AIMA also to be considered, and I was wondering if those could be put in conjunction with those

1 specific conditions.

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MR. BOONSTRA: If I can jump in just real quick? These particular conditions, I'll call them conditions, seem to be what you're going to be recommending to the County Board and not necessarily the factfinding portion that we are working on right now.

Admittedly, I'll admit if I am wrong or if somebody says something, but it seems as though we have kind of moved past the factfinding and moved into recommendations to the Board as to the conditions that we want.

MR. HUGHES: We are, but. . .

MR. BOONSTRA: So I don't know if you want to do the factfinding first and then the recommendations following that?

MR. BUHROW: You mean the whole 36 is a recommendation?

MR. BOONSTRA: That's what it looks like to me, yes.

MR. HUGHES: It is, but it's also consistent with what the Petitioner has already stated in its ap- -- in its petition and application in terms of the buffer distance.

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MR. BOONSTRA: Sure.

MR. HUGHES: And because those differ from the current Ordinance, I wanted to make those of record as a condition, even though they have already laid it out as a condition. To me, it's kind of a combination. It is a condition that we want --

MR. BOONSTRA: Sure.

MR. HUGHES: -- however, it already is in accordance with what they have stated from a fact -- in our factfinding, our witness process, those are already stated.

So whether you consider it a condition or part of factfinding, it doesn't matter -- specifically matter to me. I just believe those need to be stated in there.

MR. BOONSTRA: Sure. I am just trying to keep it as clean as possible to make sure we have got, these are the facts that were found during the hearing and these are the conditions that we are recommending, so it doesn't get intermingled too much and muddy up the waters.

MR. BOTHE: So that's why you think that those, 37 and 38, probably should --

MR. BOONSTRA: I didn't hear the first 1 2 one, but 36 --MR. BOTHE: 37 and 38 has got the road 3 4 agreement and the AIMA. 5 MR. BOONSTRA: Correct, yes. MR. BOTHE: So you think they should be 6 7 kept the way they are? MR. BOONSTRA: They are all 8 9 recommendations. MR. HUGHES: They're all conditions, yes. 10 I think right now, unless I'm mistaken, unless 11 12 somebody else has other facts, I think we're mostly into the conditions at this point 13 14 anyways. MR. BOONSTRA: 15 Sure. MR. FORSTER: The only thing I was asking 16 17 is that they have an AIMA agreement, they have the Lee County road engineer, but Dee would 18 be -- or the Zoning Administrator would be 19 someplace where they would all be. 20 21 MR. BOONSTRA: Correct. MR. FORSTER: So prior to the building 2.2 23 permit, she would get copies of them. I absolutely think that's a MR. BOONSTRA: 24

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great recommendation to add for a recommendation 1 2 to the County Board. MR. FORSTER: 3 Okay. So now it's just a matter of 4 MR. HUGHES: where we put that it. If we want to put it in 5 as H, that would be fine. 6 7 JUDGE SLAVIN: You don't need a motion to I mean, unless you want to amend some 8 amend. 9 words he said. You can also make a motion to add to this. 10 You can make seven motions. 11 MR. PRATT: 12 JUDGE SLAVIN: Right. MR. PRATT: I think you should just make a 13 separate motion outside of his. 14 JUDGE SLAVIN: I mean, you can just add 15 it. But he's made a motion right now. That's 16 17 what's on the floor. Okay. Then let's just deal 18 MR. FORSTER: with his motion and we'll move on. 19 JUDGE SLAVIN: I forgot, did I hear a 20 2.1 second? MR. PRATT: 2.2 Yes. 23 MR. HUGHES: Yes. You did. MR. BOONSTRA: 24

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JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other debate? No, it's a healthy debate.

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(No verbal response.)

JUDGE SLAVIN: Seeing none, I will put the question. The question being put is whether the Lee County ZBA recommends to the Lee County Board that, if the Petitioner, Shady Oaks 2, LLC's, petition for Special Use under consideration is allowed, the Petitioner, Shady Oaks 2, LLC, shall:

Subsequent to the granting of a Special
Use Permit and prior to the reset of a building
permit provide a certification by a registered
professional engineer that the tower design of
the WECS is sufficient to withstand wind load
requirements for structures as defined by BOCA,
parentheses, Building Officials Conference of
America, end parens.

Not install a WTG within 1.1 times the WTG height, parens, as determined by a measurement from the base of the WTG to the maximum blade tip height, end paren, of any property line unless such property owner has waived said 1.1 times the WTG height buffer.

Not install a WTG within 1.1 times the WTG height of any dedicated roadway, railroad right-of-way, or right-of-way for overhead electrical transmission or distribution lines, or communication towers.

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Not install a WTG within 1.1 times the WTG height of any residence located on a participating project parcel unless such property owner has waived said 1.1 times WTG height buffer.

Not install a WTG within 3.5 times the WTG height, parens, as determined by a measurement from the base of the WTG to the maximum blade tip height, end parens, of any primary structure, paren, school, church, residence, or public building, end paren, located on a nonparticipating parcel unless such property owner has waived said 3.5 times WTG height buffer.

Not install a WTG within 3.5 times the WTG height from a boundary of any lot in a residential platted subdivision.

Record any negotiated setback easement with the Lee County Recorder, and provide a copy

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Passage of this motion requires a vote by the majority. The vote will be by voice. All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(All those simultaneously
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JUDGE SLAVIN: All those opposed by nay.

(No verbal response.)

JUDGE SLAVIN: The motion is unanimously adopted.

Okay. Fellas, back at it.

MR. HUGHES: Well, I guess I'll move on again. Number 37. The Lee County ZBA recommends to the Lee County Board that, if Shady Oaks 2, LLC's, WECS Special Use petition under consideration is allowed, a condition of any permit granted be that any and all terms and/or conditions presented within the special -- the petition for Special Use Number -- it should be 20.

JUDGE SLAVIN: No, I kept hearing it was -- and I don't mean to interrupt you, but we have gone back and forth. I thought it was 19

for a while, then I thought it was 20, then back 1 to 19. But it's 20. 2 MR. HUGHES: Yeah, should be 20. 3 -- 20 P 1552, that are not in conflict 4 with any term and/or condition within the AIMA, 5 A-I-M-A, be incorporated. If Lee County ZBA 6 further recommends that if, indeed, a term 7 and/or condition within the petition for Special 8 Use is in conflict, contrary, or repugnant to 9 the AIMA, such condition not be incorporated 10 11 into the Special Use Permit. JUDGE SLAVIN: That's a motion. Do I hear 12 a second? 13 14 MR. PRATT: Second. Hearing a second, your 15 JUDGE SLAVIN: motion, Mr. Hughes. 16 17 MR. HUGHES: No further comment. JUDGE SLAVIN: 18 Any other Board member? (No verbal response.) 19 Seeing none, I'll put the 20 JUDGE SLAVIN: 2.1 The question being put is whether the question. Lee County ZBA recommends to the Lee County 2.2 Board that, if Shady Oaks 1, LLC's, WECS 23

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petition for Special Use under consideration is

allowed, a condition of any permit granted -any -- do you mind a friendly amendment? And
that is allowed. Building permit?

MR. HUGHES: Absolutely fine.

JUDGE SLAVIN: That's what you meant, isn't it?

MR. HUGHES: Yes.

JUDGE SLAVIN: We have had a problem a couple times.

Building permit granted be that any and all terms and/or conditions presented within the petition for Special Use Number 20 P 1552 that are not in conflict with any term and/or conditions within the AIMA be incorporated. The Lee County ZBA further recommends that if indeed a term and/or condition within the petition for Special Use is in conflict, contrary to, or repug- -- contrary or repugnant to the AIMA, such condition shall be incorporated into the Special Use -- shall not be incorporated into the Special Use Permit.

MR. HUGHES: And clarification. Your friendly addition of "building" actually probably is not -- it's actually relative to the

permit for Special Use. 1 2 JUDGE SLAVIN: See, that's the problem -that's the Ordinance problem too. Remember, 3 we -- permit and --4 MR. HUGHES: Yeah. 5 JUDGE SLAVIN: So I'll take your friendly 6 7 suggestion, because I haven't put the question 8 yet. 9 MR. HUGHES: Basically we're looking at a condition of the Special Use Permit. 10 You tell me if --11 JUDGE SLAVIN: 12 MR. HUGHES: Other than possibly capitalizing permit. 13 14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. All right? That should be fine on the MR. HUGHES: 15 16 wording. 17 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. I'm going to put the 18 question again. The Lee County ZBA recommends to the Lee County Board that, if Shady Oaks 2, 19 LLC's, WECS petition for Special Use under 20 2.1 consideration is allowed, a condition of the Special Use Permit granted be that any and all 2.2 23 terms and/or conditions presented within the

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petition for Special Use, 20 P 1552, that are

not in conflict with any terms and/or conditions 1 within the AIMA be incorporated. The Lee County 2 ZBA further recommends that if, indeed, a term 3 and/or condition within the petition for Special 4 Use is in conflict, contrary, or repugnant to 5 the AIMA, or such condition -- such condition 6 7 not be incorporated into the Special Use Permit. Adoption of the motion requires a vote by 8 the majority. The vote will be by voice. All 9 those in favor indicate by saying aye. 10 (All those simultaneously 11 responded.) 12 JUDGE SLAVIN: All those opposed by nay. 13 14 (No verbal response.) JUDGE SLAVIN: 15 Okay. Mr. Chairman. MR. BUHROW: 16 17 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Buhrow. 18 MR. BUHROW: 38, the Lee County ZBA finds that it is necessary that the Petitioner enter 19 20 into Road Use and Repair Agreements approved by 21 the Lee County Board, comma, the Lee County engineer, comma, the Lee County Zoning Officer, 2.2

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building permit, but that none were presented to 1 2 the ZBA. That's the motion. 3 JUDGE SLAVIN: Do I hear a second? 4 MR. PRATT: Second. 5 JUDGE SLAVIN: Debate? Mr. Buhrow, your 6 motion. 7 MR. BUHROW: That's standard. No. 8 9 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Any other Board member? 10 11 (No verbal response.) 12 JUDGE SLAVIN: Hearing none, I'll put the The question being put is whether the 13 question.

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JUDGE SLAVIN: Hearing none, I'll put the question. The question being put is whether the Lee County ZBA finds that it is necessary that the Petitioner enter into Road Use and Repair Agreements approved by the Lee County Board, the Lee County engineer, the Lee County Zoning Officer, and the affected Township Highway Commissioners prior to the issuance of a building permit, but that none was presented to the ZBA.

Adoption of this motion requires a vote by the majority. The vote will be by voice. All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

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              MR. PRATT: Your Honor.
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              MR. PRATT: And your --
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JUDGE SLAVIN: Wait a minute. So --1 2 MR. PRATT: That's what I want. Where do you want me to end 3 JUDGE SLAVIN: 4 on the copy? That any and all --MR. PRATT: Granted. 5 JUDGE SLAVIN: Just be. 6 7 MR. PRATT: Be that. Yeah, that's fine, just be. 8 9 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Let me. Now you're testing my word processing, but I'll get there. 10 11 I'm going to put it here because that's easier. 12 Okay. I'm caught up to you, I think. MR. PRATT: Okay. Be that the two models 13 14 of turbines that were presented. JUDGE SLAVIN: May I say WTGs? 15 16 MR. PRATT: Okay. 17 JUDGE SLAVIN: Because that's what we have 18 been -- yup. MR. PRATT: Presented and the modeling 19 shown be required to be used, or something like 20 2.1 I'm not sure how to state that. what I'm trying to get across, yeah, if it 2.2 23 passes the test. Maybe, should be used on this project? 24

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MR. BUHROW: Want should or will be used? 1 2 MR. PRATT: Well, that's a good point. Second question I'll ask 3 MR. FORSTER: 4 you --JUDGE SLAVIN: Wait a minute. I'm not 5 sure he's got his motion done yet. 6 7 I think that's what I want. MR. PRATT: JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. He's indicating 8 9 that's his motion. Do I hear a second? MR. BUHROW: Second. 10 Hearing a second, now the 11 JUDGE SLAVIN: 12 floor is open for debate. You're first, Mr. Pratt. 13 14 MR. PRATT: I just want to make sure that they presented all the data on them two 15 I don't want them changing them out 16 turbines. 17 without us being notified or being involved in 18 the process, I guess. I don't know whether that's out of line to ask that or not. 19 up for debate. 20 2.1 MR. FORSTER: I'm not saying that's out of line, but my question would be, they presented 22 23 two types of turbines. What if they changed the number of each but they still used the same 24

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turbines? 1 2 MR. PRATT: I guess I'm not as concerned about that than if they throw something in that 3 we haven't seen studies on shadow flicker. 4 MR. FORSTER: No, I understand that. 5 I'm saying whether they went from a 496 to a 590 6 7 or a 590 down to a 496. MR. PRATT: I'm not trying to stipulate 8 9 that in this motion. MR. FORSTER: Okay. 10 MR. BUHROW: 11 Do you guys recall that the 12 engineer stated they were using some up? thought there would be a reason that they were 13 14 using one size here and using one size here, but they were just using up the inventory. 15 16 MR. PRATT: I guess I'm just trying to 17 make the point that they can't throw something 18 completely different into the project. MR. BUHROW: I think we have included that 19 in others. 20 21 MR. PRATT: Yeah, we have. Well, in other ones they 2.2 MR. FORSTER:

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have proposed four different turbines and said

that they haven't chosen which one, and it may

be an availability issue. Here they didn't 1 propose any more. 2 MR. PRATT: 3 Okay. JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other Board members? 4 (No verbal response.) 5 JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. I will put the 6 The question being put is whether the 7 question. Lee County ZBA recommends to the Lee County 8 9 Board that, if Shady Oaks 2, LLC's, WECS petition for Special Use under consideration is 10 11 allowed, a condition of the Special Use Permit granted be that the two models of WTGs presented 12 and the modeling shown be required to be used on 13 14 this project. Adoption of this motion requires a vote by 15 the majority. The vote will be by voice. 16 All 17 those in favor indicate by saying aye. 18 (All those simultaneously responded.) 19 20 JUDGE SLAVIN: All opposed, nay. 2.1 (No verbal response.) JUDGE SLAVIN: Motion is adopted. 2.2 23 Floor is back open. Okay. I'll move on to what had been MR. HUGHES: 24

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numbered as Number 39. The Lee County ZBA recommends to the Lee County Board that, if Shady Oaks 2, LLC's, WECS Special Use petition under consideration is allowed, it be granted an additional one-year waiver beyond the one year required under Section 10-2A-3 for the requested use to be established; i.e. -- parentheses, i.e., substantially under way, closed parentheses, period.

JUDGE SLAVIN: Do I hear a second?

MR. PRATT: Second.

JUDGE SLAVIN: Hearing a second, the floor is open for debate. Mr. Hughes, your motion.

MR. HUGHES: The request had been for a two-year waiver. I -- based on the time frame that they testified to, I would believe that a one-year waiver should be sufficient additional time, and that if it takes longer than that, it takes longer than the two years, based on the schedule that they were showing, I would want to be aware of why before extending further.

JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Any other Board member, comment? Mr. Forster.

MR. FORSTER: I have a comment. In the

past we have always given a two-year waiver, and I don't think -- they asked for a two-year waiver. And with the current things we are going through, with COVID and any other things, I think it's just fair to go back and do what we have done before.

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JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other Board members?

MR. BUHROW: Have we -- since we started
this 15 years ago, have we gone back and had
somebody in to extend?

MR. HUGHES: Yeah, I believe so.

MR. FORSTER: Well, I'll give you an example. The last one we did -- what's the name of the township?

MS. DUFFY: Green River.

MR. FORSTER: They ended up in a lawsuit over it for how long, and you never know whether somebody will come out of the wood and try to put a stop to it. So I think just leaving it as they requested, with a two-year waiver in addition to the one, is the way to go. And if you don't mind, I would like to make a motion to do that.

JUDGE SLAVIN: No, there's a motion

pending. There's a motion on the floor. 1 Okay. Can I make a motion 2 MR. FORSTER: to amend? 3 4 JUDGE SLAVIN: Well, yeah, you can, but --I mean, go ahead. I'm not going to --5 MR. FORSTER: No, go ahead. 6 7 JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other Board member, comment? 8 9 (No verbal response.) JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. I'm going to 10 11 put the question. The question being put is 12 whether the Lee County ZBA recommend to the Lee County Board that if Shady Oaks 2, LLC's, WECS 13 14 Special Use petition under consideration is allowed, it be granted an additional one-year 15 16 waiver beyond the one year required under 17 Section 10-2A-3 for the requested use to be 18 established, parens, that is substantially under way, end parens. 19 Adoption of this motion requires a vote by 20 21 the majority. The vote will be by voice. All those in favor indicate by saying aye. 2.2 23 MR. HUGHES: Aye. JUDGE SLAVIN: All those opposed by nay. 24

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1	(Mr. Bothe, Mr. Buhrow,
2	Mr. Pratt, Mr. Forster, and
3	Mr. Meyer simultaneously
4	responded.)
5	JUDGE SLAVIN: The nays had it. The
6	motion is defeated.
7	MR. HUGHES: I'm not surprised.
8	JUDGE SLAVIN: Now I bet you have another
9	motion, Mr. Forster.
10	MR. FORSTER: Yeah, it reads just like
11	that one, except the one year goes to two years.
12	JUDGE SLAVIN: Let me do a little
13	housekeeping here. I'm just going to call this
14	A, so I can keep track of it.
15	MR. FORSTER: We'll call that a two-year
16	waiver.
17	JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Do you want to read
18	it, make sure it's
19	MR. FORSTER: That's fine.
20	JUDGE SLAVIN: That's your motion?
21	MR. FORSTER: That's my motion.
22	JUDGE SLAVIN: Do I hear a second?
23	MR. BUHROW: Second.
24	JUDGE SLAVIN: Debate on the motion? You

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have had a debate already, but Mr. Forster, you 1 2 may. MR. FORSTER: I have no other comments. 3 JUDGE SLAVIN: Any other Board member, 4 comments on the motion? 5 (No verbal response.) 6 7 All commented out? I will JUDGE SLAVIN: put the question. The question being put is 8 9 whether the Lee County ZBA recommends to the Lee County Board that, if Shady Oaks 2, LLC's, WECS 10 Special Use petition under consideration is 11 12 allowed, it be granted an additional two-year waiver beyond the one year required under 13 14 Section 10-2A-3 for the requested use to be established, paren, that is substantially under 15 way, end parens. 16 Adoption of this motion requires a vote by 17 18 the majority. The vote will be by voice. those in favor indicate by saying aye. 19 (All those simultaneously 20 2.1 responded.) All those opposed, nay. 2.2 JUDGE SLAVIN: 23 (No verbal response.) JUDGE SLAVIN: Motion is adopted. 24

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The floor is open. I'll give 1 Okay. you -- let's take a break for ten minutes, just 2 to -- just to make sure you're all motioned out. 3 4 MR. BUHROW: I have got a question before we break. Has there been anything covered on 5 the electric contract that we usually put in, 6 7 that they have to have a contract before you give them the building permit? Has there been 8 9 anything on that? JUDGE SLAVIN: You can make a motion and 10 debate it. 11 12 MR. BUHROW: Yeah, I know. I didn't know if we overlooked it or not. 13 14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Ten after. (A recess was taken at 8:02 p.m. 15 16 and proceedings resumed at 17 8:10 p.m.) The floor is open for any 18 JUDGE SLAVIN: further motions. Give it about ten seconds, if 19 nobody indicates, I'm going to --20 Just in reference to 2.1 MR. BUHROW: my previous question, the electric contract 2.2 23 portion is included in the petition. JUDGE SLAVIN: Gentlemen, last 24 Okay.

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2	(No verbal response.)
3	JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. The factfinding
4	and recommendations portion of the hearing is
5	closed, and I will put together a document for
6	Mr. Forster and Ms. Duffy's signature, and I'll
7	make sure I copy all of you on that.
8	And I will turn the meeting back over to
9	Mr. Forster. Mr. Chairman, my job is done.
10	MR. FORSTER: Your job is done.
11	So may I have a motion to recess until
12	after the County Board does their petition?
13	MR. PRATT: So moved.
14	MR. HUGHES: Second.
15	MR. FORSTER: We have a motion and a
16	second. Any comments?
17	(No verbal response.)
18	MR. FORSTER: Otherwise, all in favor say
19	aye.
20	(All those simultaneously
21	responded.)
22	MR. FORSTER: All opposed.
23	(No verbal response.)
24	MR. FORSTER: Meeting recessed.

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                JUDGE SLAVIN: Done.
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