

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF BUREAU)

In the Matter of the Petition
 of

Braided Creek Wind, LLC
Indiantown Township and Macon Township
Bureau County, Illinois

Testimony of Witnesses
Produced, Sworn and
Examined on this 27th day
of October, A.D., 2025,
before the Bureau County
Zoning Board of Appeals

Samantha Holt, Secretary
Kristine Donarski, Zoning Enforcement Officer

Judge Timothy Slavin, Facilitator

1 JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. I call out of
2 recess Bureau County Zoning Board of Appeals
3 hearing on 111 sequential petitions, beginning
4 with 25-06-16-1CV, Braided Creek Wind, LLC's,
5 request for Conditional Use Permits and Zoning
6 Variances to construct and operate a wind energy
7 conversion system in the county.

8 I will note for the record that present in
9 the hearing room at the Moose Lodge this evening
10 are Zoning Officer Donarski; her able assistant,
11 Samantha; the court reporter; and myself, the
12 Facilitator. No other parties have appeared.
13 It is 6:01.

14 Because of the Government shutdown, we had
15 to sort of alter things a little bit. First
16 thing is, I continue -- I'm going to continue
17 this session until Wednesday, November 12th. If
18 the shutdown is over, Ms. Donarski would like to
19 call an agent of the Soil and Water Conservation
20 District, and provide her own additional quick
21 testimony on new matters that evening.

22 Then the ZBA, the Applicant and Interested
23 Parties will have the opportunity to cross-
24 examine either or both of them.

1 After that, we can launch into hearing the
2 evidence from Interested Parties; that is their
3 own testimony and that of any witnesses they
4 might have.

5 If the shutdown continues, Ms. Donarski
6 will still have her testimony, including, at
7 that point, laying a very basic foundation for
8 the Bureau County Soil and Water Conservation
9 District Report. And if that's admitted, it
10 will become, like any other material, included
11 in the applications for which there was no
12 direct supporting testimony.

13 I will also then move into accepting the
14 kind of evidence I just described from any
15 Interested Party, but, out of fairness, would
16 encourage those who want to include providing
17 testimony rebutting the Soil and Water
18 Conservation District Report to defer their
19 testimony to the session date thereafter, which
20 I anticipate being December 8th but do not
21 promise.

22 All that having been said, I will, once
23 again, say I continue this hearing until
24 Wednesday, November 12th, here at the Moose

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Lodge, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you all for coming.

(The hearing was recessed at
6:06 p.m.)

1 Now on this 27th day of October, A.D., 2025, I
2 do signify that the foregoing testimony was given
3 before the Bureau County Zoning Board of Appeals.
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7 Barry Welbers, Chairman
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12 Kristine Donarski,
13 Zoning Enforcement Officer
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