

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 12th day  
of November, A.D., 2025,  
before the Bureau County  
Zoning Board of Appeals

ZBA Members Present:

Bill Jensen  
Jim Forristall  
Shirley Ann Smith  
Mike Stutzke  
Barry Welbers, Chairman

Samantha Holt, Secretary  
Kristine Donarski, Zoning Enforcement Officer

Judge Timothy Slavin, Facilitator

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1 JUDGE SLAVIN: Alrighty. I call out of  
2 recess Bureau County Zoning Board of Appeals  
3 hearing on 111 sequential petitions beginning  
4 with 25-06-16-1-CV, 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 Bureau County.

8 I will note that present tonight I see  
9 Mr. Jensen, I see Mrs. Smith, and I see  
10 Mr. Forristall. I got an -- just got an email  
11 from Mr. Stutzke indicating he was running just  
12 a little bit late. So I'm going to wait before  
13 we take evidence, but we can do some other  
14 things in the meantime.

15 Next up, I emailed the ZBA and some other  
16 folks, trying to be efficient, and I think I had  
17 -- and proactive with some dates in January.

18 I just note the entrance of Mr. Welbers,  
19 the Chair.

20 So anyway, I am trying to be proactive and  
21 find dates in January. I suggested four of them  
22 that were amenable on my schedule before -- in  
23 the first two weeks of January. Now, as it  
24 turns out, none of those dates are available.

1 And I am -- I don't think anybody else is  
2 prepared -- given the time of year, prepared to  
3 talk about dates later in January, in case we  
4 need them. So I'm going to leave that for  
5 another day. We'll have to regroup and  
6 reorganize that part.

7 Tonight I anticipate that Ms. Donarski  
8 will offer some quick testimony, including  
9 herself, and from the director of the local Soil  
10 and Water Conservation District. After that is  
11 finished, we'll go into any Interested Parties  
12 who want to testify, and we'll see where we go  
13 from there.

14 I'm sort of stalling, waiting for  
15 Mr. Stutzke to be here. And guess what, there  
16 he is, but he took a left. I don't want to  
17 embarrass him, so we'll -- anybody know any  
18 jokes or anything.

19 MR. JENSEN: None that can be told.

20 JUDGE SLAVIN: Ms. Donarksi, would you  
21 like to testify first or ask your witness to  
22 come first.

23 MS. DONARSKI: Well, if I could go first,  
24 I just have two quick things.

1 JUDGE SLAVIN: Sure.

2 MS. DONARSKI: So if that's all right.

3 JUDGE SLAVIN: Yup, that's fine. That was  
4 your choice.

5 MS. DONARSKI: Yup.

6 JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. Mr. Stutzke  
7 joins us now.

8 Ms. Donarski, would you like to testify  
9 from there?

10 MS. DONARSKI: Yes, please.

11 JUDGE SLAVIN: I don't blame you.

12 Raise your right hand.

13 KRISTINE DONARSKI,  
14 being first duly sworn, was examined and  
15 testified as follows:

16 EXAMINATION

17 BY JUDGE SLAVIN:

18 Q. Why don't you state your name and remind us of  
19 your business or occupation.

20 A. My name is Kristine Donarski, and I am the  
21 zoning enforcement officer for Bureau County.

22 Q. And part of that, the duties of that office,  
23 are to receive and file and keep a record of any  
24 communications or correspondence regarding any

1 pending project; is that right?

2 A. That is correct.

3 Q. With regard to Braided Creek, since the last  
4 time you testified, have you received any  
5 further items about which you would like to  
6 testify?

7 A. I have.

8 (ZO GEN Exhibit Number 22 marked  
9 for identification.)

10 MS. DONARSKI: First of all, I have an  
11 additional exhibit, which would be ZO GEN 22. I  
12 have copies for everyone. And I also have an  
13 updated exhibit list to go along with that  
14 addition.

15 So Samantha will hand those out.

16 This is a letter that I had written to  
17 Jared Zvonar at Leeward, and this is the  
18 approval of Evan Markowitz from Burns &  
19 McDonnell, is qualified to proceed with work  
20 regarding his testimony for IDNR and USFWS  
21 consultations for the Braided Creek.

22 And so we will put that into the record.

23 And then she has the updated exhibit list.

24 The other thing is, I have two more return

1 mailers. The first one was to Pamela J.  
2 Endress, 112A North Second Street, Chillicothe,  
3 Illinois.

4 And then Kelly E. Bromme, Trustee,  
5 14 Turnberry Lane, Lookout Mountain, Georgia.

6 So those two mailings were also returned  
7 to my office after the last hearing.

8 That's all I have.

9 JUDGE SLAVIN: And are those marked?

10 MS. DONARSKI: The returned mailers?

11 JUDGE SLAVIN: The returned mailers.

12 MS. DONARSKI: We did not mark them as  
13 exhibits. We just had a list of the mailings  
14 that were returned to our office.

15 JUDGE SLAVIN: Did you add that to your  
16 list?

17 MS. DONARSKI: Yes.

18 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Where is that list?

19 MS. DONARSKI: She did not -- we did not  
20 have ten copies of the list of return mailers.  
21 I can -- I read them all into the record when --

22 JUDGE SLAVIN: I remember. I just didn't  
23 remember if there was a list or not.

24 Okay. But that's now -- yeah, new

1 return -- got it. Perfect. Thank you.

2 MS. DONARSKI: Would you like me to bring  
3 copies for the next hearing of that list, or no?

4 JUDGE SLAVIN: No, because it will be in  
5 my report.

6 MS. DONARSKI: That's all eventual.

7 JUDGE SLAVIN: Questions of this witness.  
8 Mr. Welbers?

9 MR. WELBERS: No, I don't have any.

10 JUDGE SLAVIN: How about you, Mr. Jensen?

11 MR. JENSEN: None.

12 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mrs. Smith?

13 MS. SMITH: None.

14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Forristall?

15 MR. FORRISTALL: No.

16 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Stutzke?

17 MR. STUTZKE: No, none.

18 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Barry?

19 ATTORNEY BARRY: No thanks.

20 JUDGE SLAVIN: Any Interested Party, do I  
21 hear any questions? Yes.

22 EXAMINATION

23 BY MS. STETSON:

24 Q. Kris, I have a question for you. Is this IDNR

1           guy -- he already spoke; is that correct?

2   A.    That is correct.

3           MS. STETSON:   Okay.   That's all.

4           JUDGE SLAVIN:   Okay.   Any other Interested  
5   Parties?

6                            (No verbal response.)

7           JUDGE SLAVIN:   Okay.   Thank you.

8           Then you have a witness you would like to  
9   present; is that correct?

10          MS. DONARSKI:   Yes.

11          JUDGE SLAVIN:   Want to ask her to come on  
12   up to the podium and we'll begin?

13          Good evening.   Want to raise your right  
14   hand?

15                            REBECCA TAYLOR,  
16   being first duly sworn, was examined and  
17   testified as follows:

18                            EXAMINATION

19   BY JUDGE SLAVIN:

20   Q.    All right.   I'll help you get started.   State  
21   your name.

22   A.    Rebecca Taylor.

23   Q.    And, Rebecca, you're going to have to go slow  
24   because some of us are taking notes and some of

1 us are hard of hearing.

2 So, Rebecca, last name, surname?

3 A. Taylor.

4 Q. Spell that for the court reporter, please.

5 A. T-A-Y-L-O-R.

6 Q. And, Rebecca, what's your business or  
7 occupation?

8 A. I'm the resource conservationist for the Bureau  
9 County Soil and Water Conservation District.

10 Q. And you called it a, what, regional  
11 conservationist?

12 A. Resource conservationist.

13 Q. Resource conservationist, thank you.

14 And how long have you been doing that?

15 A. For about two years.

16 Q. Okay. In that capacity, were you asked or it  
17 is part of your duties to perform any kind of  
18 analysis, conservation analysis, for Special --  
19 proposed Special Uses?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And can you just give us an over -- just a  
22 general overview of that process? What kind of  
23 analysis and how do you do it?

24 A. I just collect information from different

1 sources based on soil types and the Source Web  
2 Soil Survey, which is a federal source, federal  
3 database of soil types, and the different  
4 properties that they have. That's what makes up  
5 most of my report, as well as looking at  
6 proximity to natural areas, wetlands,  
7 conservation practices and flood zones.

8 Q. And certainly you don't survey the whole  
9 county. So in doing so, you must be given a --  
10 some information about where the proposed  
11 Special Use would lay; is that correct?

12 A. Yes, sir. Just --

13 Q. Where do you get that?

14 A. I get it from the Applicant.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. They either give me specific points and project  
17 layouts of where they plan to do construction or  
18 I just get parcel numbers.

19 Q. Okay. Let's bore in a little more.  
20 Particularly, let's focus on Braided Creek.

21 Were you contacted by either Ms. Donarski  
22 or a representative of Braided Creek to do this  
23 kind of analysis for this project?

24 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Do you remember about when? If you don't,  
2 that's fine.

3 A. Before June, I think.

4 Q. So sometime in the spring?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And when you receive that information,  
7 undoubtedly you get a number of different, I'm  
8 going to call them, lots. And that's probably  
9 not the right word. But different small areas  
10 of acreage; is that correct?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And then what do you do with that information?

13 A. So looking at -- in the case of Braided Creek,  
14 they gave me parcel numbers. So looking at the  
15 parcels, if it was a large parcel, I tried to do  
16 one report for that. If it was several smaller  
17 parcels that were contingent, I would lump those  
18 into one report.

19 Q. All right. And do you do a separate report for  
20 each of these parcels?

21 A. I do a separate report for each parcel  
22 grouping.

23 Q. Okay. Each parcel grouping. Can you say what  
24 a -- can you sort of describe what a parcel

1 grouping is?

2 A. It's just usually about a quarter of a section.  
3 I try to lump up my reports by a quarter of a  
4 section or half a section.

5 Q. Okay. Quarter or half.

6 When you do that report -- and again, I'm  
7 not asking you to go into detail on each and  
8 every one -- but into what categories does it  
9 fall? When you report on something, are there  
10 categories?

11 A. Yes. Can I look at my report?

12 Q. Absolutely.

13 A. Perfect.

14 So in my report, the categories that I  
15 focus on are cultural resource information,  
16 biological resources --

17 Q. Don't go too fast.

18 A. Okay. Sorry.

19 Q. Cultural resources.

20 A. Biological resources.

21 Q. Yup.

22 A. Wetland and floodplain information, erosion  
23 control, soils information, and a little bit for  
24 conservation practices.

1                   And this can be --

2 Q.    You said erosion control and then conservation  
3       practices?

4 A.    Erosion control, and then soil information and  
5       then conservation practices.

6 Q.    Soil information and then conservation  
7       practices, okay.

8 A.    Yes, sir.

9                   And this can be found on Page 4 of any of  
10       the reports.

11 Q.    Thank you. All right.

12   (SW Exhibits Number 1 through 76  
13   marked for identification.)

14 Q.    (By Judge Slavin:) Ms. Donarski, I think, or  
15       her office have prepared a list of your  
16       different reports, and she's got them numbered  
17       Soil and Water -- well, Exhibit SW-1 through  
18       SW-70.

19                   Have you seen that list?

20 A.    Yes, sir.

21 Q.    Okay. Does that list accurately represent the  
22       70 different reports you did for each of these  
23       parcels?

24 A.    Yes, sir. It's 75 reports, and then a summary

1 report, which is Exhibit 76.

2 Q. Did I miss a page? Ah, yes. Thank you.

3 All right. Without going through each one  
4 of them in painstaking detail, is there  
5 anything -- given the duties of your office in  
6 which you think your responsibilities are, is  
7 there any one or more things you want to call  
8 particular attention to regarding these 75  
9 different parcels and the proposed use?

10 A. Yes. I would like to start with specifically  
11 proximity to natural areas these different  
12 parcels are.

13 Q. Can you tell us by report number -- the exhibit  
14 number which ones you're talking about?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Sure, thank you.

17 A. So Exhibit Number SW-1 is two miles from a  
18 natural area.

19 Q. What natural area?

20 A. This one would be from Walnut Grove.

21 Q. Is that called Walnut Grove natural area?

22 A. I just have it as Walnut Grove.

23 Q. Okay. Fine.

24 A. Which that can be found on Page 4 of the first

1 report.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And it can also be found on Page 10 of the  
4 first report.

5 And it should be, whatever natural area  
6 each site is closest to is located on those.

7 Q. Well, just saying "SW-1" and "Walnut Grove" is  
8 fine.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. Next.

11 A. SW-2 is two and a half miles from a natural  
12 area.

13 Q. What natural area?

14 A. This one is also Walnut Grove for SW-2.

15 Q. Okay. Next?

16 A. SW-5 is 0.5 miles -- about 0.5 miles from a  
17 natural area, which is Mautino State Fish and  
18 Wildlife Area.

19 The parcel is actually --

20 Q. Natural Fish and Wildlife Area.

21 Okay. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

22 A. The parcel is actually right across the road  
23 from that wildlife area, but where Leeward has  
24 the proposed site for a turbine is about half a

1 mile away.

2 Q. When you say "Leeward," you actually mean  
3 Braided Creek?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Okay. Next?

6 A. SW-6 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

7 SW-7 is one mile from Walnut Grove.

8 SW-12 is two miles from Mautino State Fish  
9 and Wildlife Area.

10 SW-14 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

11 SW-16 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

12 SW-18 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

13 SW-20 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

14 SW-22 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

15 SW-26 is two miles from Walnut Grove --

16 not from Walnut Grove, from Mautino State Fish  
17 and Wildlife Area.

18 SW-27 is two miles from Mautino State Fish  
19 and Wildlife Area.

20 SW-30 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

21 SW-31 is two miles from Walnut Grove and  
22 Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area.

23 SW-34 is one mile from Mautino State Fish  
24 and Wildlife Area.

1 SW-35 is half a mile from Mautino State  
2 Fish and Wildlife Area.

3 Let me grab my stack.

4 JUDGE SLAVIN: Sorry, I didn't mean to ask  
5 you to make such a mess.

6 THE WITNESS: That's all right. I wasn't  
7 sure if we were going to get that detailed.

8 JUDGE SLAVIN: Yeah, not real detailed but  
9 some.

10 THE WITNESS: SW-37 is two miles from  
11 Walnut Grove.

12 SW-39 is one mile from Walnut Grove.

13 SW-40 is one mile from Walnut Grove.

14 SW-45 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

15 Next closest wildlife area is Mautino State Fish  
16 and Wildlife Area.

17 SW-48 is two miles from Mautino State Fish  
18 and Wildlife Area.

19 SW-49 is two and a half miles from Walnut  
20 Grove.

21 SW-50 is one and a half miles from Walnut  
22 Grove, is the closest natural area to the site,  
23 but it is within three and a half miles of  
24 Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area, as well as

1 Box Pond Wildlife Reserve -- yes, as well as Box  
2 Pond Wildlife Reserve.

3 SW-50- -- one moment.

4 JUDGE SLAVIN: Sure.

5 THE WITNESS: Okay. So, apologies. I'm  
6 getting mixed up on my numbers.

7 SW-51 is one and a half miles from Walnut  
8 Grove, not including the other natural areas  
9 listed.

10 Q. (By Judge Slavin:) So what you're correcting  
11 is, it was not 50, it was 51?

12 A. Correct, 51, and the other two natural areas  
13 are not in notable proximity.

14 Q. All right.

15 A. For SW-52, this parcel is one and a half miles  
16 from Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area, as  
17 well as Walnut Grove.

18 SW-53 is two miles from Mautino State Fish  
19 and Wildlife Area.

20 SW-54 is two miles from Mautino State Fish  
21 and Wildlife Area, as well as Walnut Grove.

22 MS. SMITH: What number was that?

23 THE WITNESS: SW-54.

24 SW-55 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

1 SW-56 is two and a half miles from Walnut  
2 Grove.

3 SW-57 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

4 SW-58 is one and a half miles from Walnut  
5 Grove.

6 SW-59 is one and a half miles from Walnut  
7 Grove.

8 SW-60 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

9 SW-61 is two miles from Walnut Grove.

10 SW-62 is one and a half miles from Walnut  
11 Grove.

12 SW-63 is two and a half miles from Walnut  
13 Grove.

14 And the rest of the parcels are more  
15 than -- are three miles or more away from  
16 natural areas, such as Walnut Grove, Mautino  
17 State Fish and Wildlife Area and Box Pond  
18 Reserve.

19 Q. (By Judge Slavin:) And you said these were  
20 proposed turbines of concern to you; is that  
21 correct?

22 A. Yes, sir. They were proposed turbines --

23 Q. Just yes or no.

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. And how or why did you pick three miles as the  
2 radius?

3 A. It was arbitrary. I have the proximity of all  
4 of the sites, but I know that there are some  
5 laws regarding DNR with natural areas, but I am  
6 not familiar with them.

7 Q. Fair enough.

8 Anything else you want to add?

9 A. My reports note possible historical sites on  
10 the parcels. Specifically for SW-1, there's a  
11 historical cemetery that borders the parcel that  
12 they plan to -- that is a proposed turbine site,  
13 and it's less than 800 feet from the proposed  
14 turbine site based on what I was provided.

15 Q. That was Number 1?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 SW-2 also might have cultural resources.  
18 The way that I identify the possibility of  
19 having cultural resources is, I look at  
20 historical plat maps and see if they note a  
21 structure on the site.

22 So for these ones, I have looked at a plat  
23 map from 1875, and if I say -- if I have said  
24 there may be a historical site on the parcel, I

1 have seen that there's a structure on that  
2 parcel, but it might not be where they're  
3 performing construction.

4 Q. Okay. Anything else?

5 A. Do you want me to go through the list of the  
6 ones that have historical sites.

7 Q. I'm asking you.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. The question pending is, what areas do you have  
10 concern about?

11 A. Okay. I will go ahead and -- so with SW-1, the  
12 historical cemetery that borders the parcel.

13 For SW-3, there may be conservation  
14 practices damaged during construction that will  
15 need to be repaired back -- if they are under  
16 NRCS contract, would need to be repaired back to  
17 NRCS standards.

18 NRCS is the Natural Resource and  
19 Conservation Service.

20 Q. Let me interrupt you for a moment. If I told  
21 you that all those parcels had to have an  
22 executed Agricultural Impact Mitigation  
23 Agreement, and that part of that agreement is  
24 fixing any damage, would that allay the concerns

1           you're about to talk about?

2   A.    Yes, sir.

3   Q.    Okay.

4   A.    Okay.  I will skip those ones.

5           SW-7, I noted wetlands and a flood zone  
6           that partially interfere with the parcel.

7           SW-16 is in a flood zone.

8   Q.    There are all sorts of flood zones.  Do you  
9           know what category of flood zone?

10  A.    I believe Category -- no, I do not know.

11           Besides proximity to natural areas, I  
12           think that one historical site was the biggest  
13           concern that I had seen.

14  Q.    Let's not talk under your breath though.  I  
15           know it's easy to do --

16  A.    Sorry.

17  Q.    -- but nobody can hear you when you do it.

18  A.    Besides proximity and the historical cemetery  
19           being close to SW-1, I -- there were no other  
20           major concerns.

21  Q.    Okay.  Do you -- is there anything else you  
22           want to add, without asking a question?  And if  
23           not, that's fine.  I'm just asking you.  If not,  
24           we'll go to questions of you.

1 A. I think that would be it. I just --

2 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Questions of this  
3 witness, Ms. Donarski?

4 MS. DONARSKI: Sure.

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. DONARSKI:

7 Q. Becca, I have a number of questions for you.

8 First of all, when you did your reports,  
9 again just so I'm clear, did you have a precise  
10 location for the placement of the turbine or you  
11 looked at the parcel as a whole?

12 A. I looked at the parcel as a whole. I had some  
13 locations for turbines, but I wasn't sure how  
14 precise they were because I couldn't -- they  
15 weren't a shapefile that I could put into a  
16 program.

17 Q. Okay. The next question I have is about those  
18 natural areas. The Walnut Grove natural area,  
19 what can you tell me about that location? What  
20 is that exactly?

21 A. It's, I believe, eight acres of timber owned by  
22 the Bureau County Soil and Water Conservation  
23 District.

24 Q. Okay. And what makes this natural area -- is

1           it a protected area? Or what is its purpose, I  
2           guess we'll say?

3   A.    Just for wildlife habitat.

4   Q.    Okay.

5   A.    So there's no hunting or camping. There's  
6           hiking through it, but there's no overnight  
7           stays or anything.

8   Q.    Okay. And then is that a habitat for, like,  
9           endangered or threatened species and that sort  
10          of thing, or just everything that lives  
11          naturally in the area?

12   A.    Everything that lives naturally. I don't know  
13          specifically of any endangered species out  
14          there.

15   Q.    Okay. Now, what -- how about -- tell me a  
16          little bit more about the Mautino State Fish and  
17          Wildlife Area.

18   A.    That one is owned and taken care of by IDNR.  
19          So I actually don't know a lot about it, besides  
20          they are much stricter with what they allow  
21          around their natural areas.

22   Q.    And do you have any idea about how large or how  
23          many acres that is?

24   A.    I couldn't even begin to guess how large that

1 is.

2 Q. Okay. Have you heard of an EcoCAT review?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. And that is through the Illinois Department of  
5 Natural Resources, correct?

6 A. Yes, ma'am.

7 Q. At a previous -- I'm trying to think of how to  
8 ask you a question about it.

9 Would it surprise you that in the EcoCAT  
10 that we -- that I received from IDNR regarding  
11 this program -- or this project, excuse me, that  
12 they recommended a one-mile linear setback from  
13 any IDNR-owned, -managed or -leased property?  
14 Would that surprise you?

15 A. No, ma'am.

16 Q. Do you have any idea why the IDNR would not  
17 recognize Walnut Grove when they wrote that  
18 letter?

19 A. I think Walnut Grove just isn't a natural --  
20 it's not a State site. It's just a County site.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. So I think that's why.

23 Q. So it's your understanding that the IDNR letter  
24 would be written toward State sites and not

1 necessarily County-owned sites?

2 A. Yes, ma'am.

3 Q. That's your testimony, okay.

4 And what type of negative impacts are your  
5 concerns -- are you concerned with the turbines  
6 being in close proximity, a mile or two miles,  
7 as you stated? What are your general concerns?

8 A. I have concerns with migratory patterns, as far  
9 as birds or pollinators go, as well as just the  
10 general construction causing noise pollution for  
11 however long it goes on. There's also species,  
12 such as prairie chicken, which aren't very  
13 common around here, but quail is one that is  
14 common, and those tend to avoid tall structures  
15 as well.

16 But I am not familiar with any studies  
17 saying one way or the other.

18 Q. So in your position at Soil and Water, your  
19 concerns are over the land and the natural  
20 species that dwell on it?

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. Okay. Do you have any other concerns about --  
23 from the wind turbines having an effect on any  
24 other of the natural species there, the animals

1 and birds and that sort of thing, or not  
2 generally?

3 A. Not generally.

4 MS. DONARSKI: Okay. That's all I have.  
5 Thank you.

6 JUDGE SLAVIN: Thank you.

7 Mr. Welbers?

8 EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. WELBERS:

10 Q. To clarify my understanding, when you talk  
11 about Walnut Grove, you said -- is that eight  
12 acres?

13 A. Eight acres.

14 Q. Eight acres.

15 It belongs to Soil and Water Conservation  
16 District?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Now, you also mentioned something called Box  
19 Pond. Is that the same thing?

20 A. Box Pond is separate, but it is also owned by  
21 Bureau County Soil and Water Conservation  
22 District.

23 Q. Some acreage there?

24 A. Yes. Four, I believe. It's not a very large

1 piece of land, but they are both public access.

2 Q. Okay. So now, if I'm understanding what you  
3 just testified to, you arrived at a two-mile --  
4 if a turbine is being proposed within two miles  
5 of Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area, of Box  
6 Pond --

7 Which you didn't mention, so there must  
8 not be; is that correct?

9 A. There -- I think there were, like, two sites  
10 that were within two miles of Box Pond, but  
11 there were other sites that were farther away  
12 from it.

13 Q. -- and Walnut Grove, it would be your  
14 recommendation that wind turbines be two miles  
15 or further away from those sites? Is that what  
16 you testified to?

17 A. I think that they should be as far from natural  
18 areas as they can be. Two miles would be better  
19 than one mile, but. . .

20 Q. The ones you specifically listed, if I recall  
21 correctly, were the ones that were two miles or  
22 less?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Those are the ones you mentioned?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Those that are further, you didn't mention?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And you said state that your two miles was  
5 somewhat arbitrary?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. But it's a number that you used?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. And you would prefer to see them that far or  
10 further?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. Is that what you just said?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. I think I understood what you said.

15 MR. WELBERS: Okay. Go ahead. I'm done.

16 JUDGE SLAVIN: I'm going to interject. I  
17 thought you said -- you just answered  
18 Mr. Welbers' question by saying two miles. I  
19 thought you told me, in an answer to a question,  
20 you were concerned at three miles?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, I was looking at two  
22 and a half or closer. I chalked it up by two  
23 and a half.

24 JUDGE SLAVIN: I thought you said three.

1 Now it's two and a half?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. Anything closer  
3 than three, anything farther than -- I only went  
4 by half-mile increments. So two and a half is  
5 the closest one that I mentioned. Three is the  
6 furthest, that I didn't mention.

7 JUDGE SLAVIN: So the ones you didn't  
8 mention are more than two and a half miles away  
9 from a natural area; is that correct?

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

11 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Mr. Jensen?

12 MR JENSEN: Nothing.

13 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mrs. Smith?

14 MS. SMITH: I have none.

15 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Forristall?

16 MR. FORRISTALL: No, sir.

17 JUDGE SLAVIN: And, Mr. Stutzke?

18 MR. STUTZKE: No, sir.

19 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Barry?

20 ATTORNEY BARRY: Yes, I have a few  
21 questions.

22 Good evening, Ms. Taylor. Thank you for  
23 being here tonight. It's my understanding that  
24 the US House of Representatives is currently

1 debating a bill that would reopen the  
2 government, so we hope that you get to soon  
3 return to regular course of duties.

4 EXAMINATION

5 BY ATTORNEY BARRY:

6 Q. Are you aware that previous witness Evan  
7 Markowitz from Burns & McDonnell testified that  
8 there will be no proposed project infrastructure  
9 facilities that are located within potential  
10 wetlands or streams?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Are you aware that the project, per its  
13 discussions with the State Historic Preservation  
14 Office, is conducting a Phase 1 archaeological  
15 survey and a historic resource review within two  
16 miles of the project?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. Are you a wildlife biologist?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. What is your educational background?

21 A. Environmental science.

22 Q. Now, you said that -- earlier I think you  
23 testified about setting back project  
24 infrastructure at least three miles, otherwise

1 it would cause you concern; is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What is the basis of those concerns again?

4 A. Just generally, I knew that IDNR had a distance  
5 that they went with, and I wasn't sure what that  
6 distance was, so.

7 Q. Well, the only distance you testified about  
8 earlier with respect to IDNR was a one-mile  
9 setback from the Mautino Fish and Wildlife  
10 Reserve, correct?

11 A. I believe so. I'm -- yes, I believe one mile  
12 is the setback. At the time of writing this, I  
13 wasn't aware of that.

14 Q. So you don't know what other distances IDNR  
15 recommends or requires?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Are you aware that the project has gone through  
18 the EcoCAT process with IDNR?

19 A. I knew that the project had acquired EcoCATs,  
20 but I wasn't sure if they had consulted with  
21 IDNR.

22 Q. Are you aware of previous testimony by project  
23 witnesses that the project has consulted with  
24 the US Fish and Wildlife Service about

1           endangered species?

2   A.    No, sir.

3   Q.    Are you familiar with Section 5-12020 of the  
4           Illinois County's Code?

5   A.    I don't believe so.

6   Q.    Are you familiar with the setback that is  
7           included in Section 5-12020 of the Illinois  
8           County's Code with respect to fish and wildlife  
9           areas in Illinois Nature Preserves Commission-  
10          protected lands?

11  A.    I -- somebody had mentioned that, but I'm not  
12          familiar with it.

13  Q.    Now, you took us through a list of locations,  
14          starting with Exhibit SW-1, right?

15  A.    Yes, sir.

16  Q.    And again, just to confirm, those locations  
17          were based on the parcel ID number?

18  A.    Yes, sir.

19  Q.    So you looked at each either individual parcel  
20          or a group of parcels, correct?

21  A.    Yes, sir.

22  Q.    And not a particular location on each parcel?

23  A.    No.

24  Q.    Now, I believe the closest distance you

1 provided was a half mile from a particular  
2 natural area; is that right?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Is that -- that's the closest distance that you  
5 expressed a concern about?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Are you familiar with the height of the  
8 proposed turbines for this -- for the Braided  
9 Creek Wind project?

10 A. No. I believe it was in the report, but I  
11 don't think I --

12 Q. Are you aware if any of the distances you  
13 expressed concerns about or the particular sites  
14 you expressed concerns about are less than the  
15 setback allowances in Section 5-12020 of the  
16 Illinois County's Code?

17 A. I don't really know what the County Code says,  
18 so I'm not sure.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. So no.

21 Q. If I told you the County's Code provision that  
22 I just referred to expresses a setback of 2.1  
23 times the maximum blade tip height of the wind  
24 tower, does that -- are you familiar with that

1 concept?

2 A. Nope.

3 ATTORNEY BARRY: Okay. I think that's all  
4 I have. Thank you.

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: Interested Parties,  
6 questions of this witness?

7 And you're Connie Stetson?

8 MS. STETSON: I'm Connie Stetson.

9 JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. Ask away.

10 EXAMINATION

11 BY MS. STETSON:

12 Q. I wasn't prepared for the IDNR questions, but I  
13 will help you with some of that information.

14 JUDGE SLAVIN: You're not here to help  
15 her. You're here to ask her questions.

16 MS. STETSON: I know.

17 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Okay. Are you aware of the  
18 gentleman that came here, Terry VanDeWalle, that  
19 testified for the avian use survey?

20 A. No, ma'am.

21 Q. Are you aware of the -- you're not aware of the  
22 list then of what he said was endangered?

23 A. I received it, but I'm not familiar with --

24 Q. Can I remind you what the endangered species

1 is?

2 JUDGE SLAVIN: You may not. She says she  
3 doesn't remember.

4 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Can I remind you -- I'm  
5 asking a question. Can I remind you of the list  
6 of the endangered species?

7 It's a question. You can say yes or no.

8 A. Is this from the EcoCAT?

9 Q. No.

10 A. If it's not from the EcoCAT, I did not receive  
11 it.

12 Q. Okay. Can I let you know what the endangered  
13 species is?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. Bald eagles are observed, and they are  
16 considered endangered. Northern harriers and  
17 short-eared owls are both considered endangered,  
18 and they are -- during the large bird survey.

19 These are the birds that were identified  
20 by --

21 JUDGE SLAVIN: You said you were going to  
22 remind her of the list. Go ahead.

23 MS. STETSON: That's the --

24 JUDGE SLAVIN: No, you're reading more

1 than that.

2 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Are you aware that this is  
3 the list that their person brought in for  
4 endangered?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Okay. What constitutes as a historical site?

7 A. I look at a plat map from 1875, and I note if  
8 there's structures that were on the parcel in  
9 1875.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. And I say, there might be a historical artifact  
12 there.

13 Q. Okay. And what you had down for a distance for  
14 the cemetery is less than 800 feet?

15 A. Based on the information that I received, it's  
16 a rough measurement, but 800 feet from the edge  
17 of the cemetery to the proposed turbine site.

18 Q. Do you believe that the 800 feet is a distance  
19 that they should be from that?

20 A. I don't know. I'm not qualified to speculate  
21 on that.

22 Q. I'm going to ask you to go through these  
23 historical sites. I know you have all the files  
24 there, but I have to pay for my copy. So I --

1           anyway, I would like to know what the historical  
2           sites are on certain areas.

3           Can you tell me what the historical site  
4           is for T-2, Turbine 2? You have your paperwork.  
5   A.   For -- because they are not in color, I can't  
6           see where the site is.

7           But generally, the historical sites are --  
8           I have a picture of the plat map, and there's  
9           little black squares for where there was a  
10          homestead, a barn, some sort of structure. And  
11          then if there's anything else, it was -- it  
12          would be a church or a school. But I don't  
13          remember seeing anything besides just general  
14          structures and that cemetery.

15   Q.   What about T-3?

16   A.   Same thing, because it's in black and white,  
17          I'm not going to be able to identify what  
18          exactly is there. But like I said, they were --  
19          from what I can remember, they were all just  
20          general structures.

21          I don't have specific information about  
22          what was there, if it was a house or a barn or  
23          anything like that. I just have it marked on  
24          the map as a little black dot.

1 Q. So if I mentioned all these, you would say the  
2 same thing?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. But there is historical something on, let's  
5 say, 37, 38?

6 A. There is a possibility of a historical site on  
7 those.

8 Those historical sites might have already  
9 been removed to make room for a field or  
10 something else or a different modern home is  
11 there now.

12 Q. And the same as the collection sites, you  
13 wouldn't know that either?

14 A. Collection, yes, the same for those as well. I  
15 don't know specifics for those.

16 Q. Would you consider that they have to call the  
17 federal in to figuring this out, to make sure  
18 that they're safe?

19 A. I'm not a regulatory- -- or we are not a  
20 regulatory or a permit office. So whatever  
21 regulations are out there, it is on their  
22 responsibility to figure those out and follow up  
23 with those.

24 Q. Can you define wetlands?

1 A. My definition for wetland is a wetland based  
2 on, like, the federal definition of standing  
3 water, or not always standing water. It could  
4 be where historically water would be at before  
5 tile, or a waterway, which is a conservation  
6 practice, or a stream or river.

7 Q. Okay. Could you define a flood zone?

8 A. My definition of a flood zone is whatever FEMA  
9 tells me is a flood zone.

10 Q. Do you realize that it's a Flood Zone A? That  
11 is the hundred-year floodplain. That's what it  
12 is. I didn't know if you were aware what Zone A  
13 is.

14 A. I believe I knew that, but I didn't specify  
15 what flood zone in my reports, just that it was  
16 in a flood zone.

17 Q. And do you know what the highest risk of flood  
18 zone is designated as?

19 A. No, ma'am.

20 Q. Are you aware it's Zone A?

21 A. No, ma'am.

22 Q. Well, are you aware that I just told you that?

23 A. Well, right.

24 Q. Okay. Could flood zones become hazardous?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What are some of the hazards that could happen  
3 on a flood zone with this type of structure on  
4 it?

5 A. I am not familiar with wind turbines enough to  
6 know the hazards that a flood zone could cause  
7 towards them.

8 Q. Do you -- are you aware of how much concrete  
9 goes into one of these?

10 A. No, ma'am.

11 Q. What would happen if you made a 7-foot deep hole (as  
12 said), 60 feet in diameter, and put  
13 approximately 750 to 900 cubic yards of  
14 concrete, which comes to 30,000 tons, plus in a  
15 flood zone during a rain, heavy rain, what would  
16 that do?

17 ATTORNEY BARRY: Objection. Foundation.  
18 She hasn't established that the witness has --

19 JUDGE SLAVIN: Overruled.

20 ATTORNEY BARRY: -- background to answer  
21 this question.

22 JUDGE SLAVIN: If she knows, she can  
23 answer.

24 ATTORNEY BARRY: She also said she didn't

1 know anything about flood zone sites.

2 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) What would she -- what would  
3 happen if you put 30 --

4 JUDGE SLAVIN: You've got a question  
5 pending. Just a minute.

6 A. I don't know. I'm not familiar with how a  
7 flood zone would react with any of the structure  
8 of a wind turbine.

9 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Okay. You have a flood  
10 as -- the definition of a flood zone would be  
11 the water coming from a creek or river or  
12 something like that or -- and the water would  
13 flow.

14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Are you telling her  
15 something or are you asking her a question.

16 MS. STETSON: I'm asking her a question.

17 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Are you aware that the water  
18 would normally just do a normal flow, and if you  
19 put 30 tons of concrete in there, what would  
20 happen?

21 ATTORNEY BARRY: Same objection.

22 JUDGE SLAVIN: Now it's sustained. She's  
23 already answered. She doesn't know.

24 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Do you believe that the

1 water would go at different directions because  
2 it's not in its normal state?

3 A. I believe that the water would go take the  
4 easiest route downhill towards whatever source  
5 it rose from.

6 Q. So are you saying that it could possibly flood  
7 elsewhere if it wasn't going in its normal flow?

8 A. Downstream, possibly.

9 Q. So could this cause problems in areas that  
10 never had problems before?

11 A. I don't know about that.

12 Q. Are you aware that there are 28 turbines that  
13 are on the wetlands?

14 A. No, ma'am.

15 Q. Well, it's --

16 A. Oh, for this?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. I didn't know the exact number, but yes, there  
19 were ones that I had counted as being close to  
20 or on wetlands. In my report, when I say on a  
21 wetland, it's not necessarily that the turbine  
22 site that they have is directly on a wetland,  
23 but it's that it is close and that construction  
24 could take place in a wetland.

1 Q. And there are 13 -- are you aware that there  
2 are 13 in the flood zone?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So, again, I'm -- are you concerned about the  
5 water flow if you have 13 turbines on the flood  
6 zone where the --

7 A. I --

8 Q. -- water would direct elsewhere?

9 A. I am concerned, but also I know that they  
10 are -- it is their responsibility to talk to  
11 regulatory offices about their construction in  
12 flood zones, so --

13 Q. And what are those regulatory offices?

14 A. Army Corps might be one, but I don't know  
15 because my part of the job is collecting  
16 information to present to the Zoning Board.

17 Q. You -- are you aware that you did mention the  
18 US Corps of Engineers throughout the report?

19 A. Yes, ma'am.

20 Q. And you do suggest -- do you suggest that they  
21 ask them?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. I'm going to go to Turbine 39, if you  
24 could look 39 up. Simply -- again, I only

1 copied one because it cost me 25 cents a copy,  
2 and I'm going to use Turbine 39 as an example of  
3 all wetlands.

4 Is that okay?

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: Don't answer if it's okay.  
6 That's not up to you.

7 Have you found Number 39?

8 THE WITNESS: I have.

9 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Do you have your printout --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- of 39?

12 A. Yes, somewhere. All right.

13 Q. Okay. On Page -- what is that page? Let's  
14 see, how do I make this into a question?

15 Have you written on this sheet about the  
16 wetlands and floodplain information?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you agree that the site is not within the  
19 hundred-year floodplain but there are several  
20 wetlands on this parcel?

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. If you look back at the map of this turbine, on  
23 Page 6, do you see -- I know this is a very dark  
24 copy, but do you see that there's wetlands,

1 darker areas and then lighter areas, all through  
2 that?

3 A. So the darker areas and the lighter areas don't  
4 necessarily indicate that it's a wetland.

5 Q. Do you see that there's a tributary from -- it  
6 goes down below there? That is a tributary to  
7 Coe Creek?

8 A. Are you looking --

9 Q. I'm looking right here.

10 A. On Page 6?

11 Q. Page 6.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Okay. It's that lower portion.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. Okay. Are you aware that that is a tributary  
16 to Coe Creek?

17 A. I am not aware specifically of what these  
18 streams are tributaries to.

19 Q. Okay. Well, are you aware that Turbine 39,  
20 location 20-08-300-001, this land is adjacent to  
21 land owned by the Stetson family, which my  
22 husband farms? It is 20-07-400-003 and 20- --

23 JUDGE SLAVIN: That was a question. Just  
24 answer it. She went on, but are you aware that

1           whatever parcel pin number she said is owned by  
2           the Stetson family?

3                   THE WITNESS:  No.

4  Q.       (By Ms. Stetson:)  Are you aware that the  
5           Stetson family has put extensive tile work and  
6           money into their section of land?

7  A.       No.

8  Q.       Are you aware now?

9  A.       Yes.

10  Q.       Are you aware that the turbines -- if the  
11           turbine is placed on Section 300, it could cause  
12           damage to underground drainage tile to the  
13           adjacent farmland tile?

14  A.       No.

15  Q.       So you -- do you -- you -- the information --  
16           again, what would happen if the site had the  
17           7-foot deep, 60-foot diameter -- and these are  
18           how deep those holes are.

19                   JUDGE SLAVIN:  You're telling her things  
20           again.  Just ask a question.

21  Q.       (By Ms. Stetson:)  What would happen on the  
22           site like this -- with all the wetlands around  
23           this one little, small area, with all that  
24           concrete, what would happen to the adjacent

1 land?

2 ATTORNEY BARRY: Same objection as  
3 earlier. She testified she didn't know what  
4 would happen. She doesn't have the background.

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: It's changed a little bit.  
6 That may be her answer again, but overruled.

7 A. I am not sure. I leave -- I gather the  
8 information so that the Zoning Board is aware  
9 that these natural resources might be of  
10 concern, but I ultimately leave it up to the  
11 Applicant, have it be their responsibility to  
12 follow any legal permits that they need to  
13 acquire.

14 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) For your erosion control,  
15 you had -- did you state this on your erosion  
16 control: Most of the parcel slopes toward the  
17 ravine wetland. Most of the soils near the site  
18 are at a slight risk of erosion. Care should be  
19 taken to cover bare soil during construction  
20 whenever possible?

21 Are you aware of that statement for  
22 erosion?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. So now you have -- are you aware that putting

1 30,000 tons of concrete in the land would divert  
2 the water?

3 A. Yes, but not to what extent.

4 Q. And make it go to the next property, with  
5 erosion problems?

6 A. I'm aware that it could divert water. I'm not  
7 sure to what extent it will have on the flow  
8 path.

9 Q. So what problems would you anticipate happening  
10 under a scenario of all that concrete?

11 ATTORNEY BARRY: Same objection as  
12 earlier.

13 JUDGE SLAVIN: Same ruling.

14 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Can you answer?

15 A. I honestly don't know. I imagine it will run  
16 around the turbine, but I don't know how far it  
17 will go. I'm not sure, based on this map, where  
18 the turbine site is. I'm not sure where they  
19 will finally choose for the sites of the  
20 turbines for it to go.

21 Generally, it will flow -- I imagine, as  
22 long as it's on the south side of that peak in  
23 the slope, it will flow into the riverine  
24 wetland. If it's on north side of that slope,

1           it will flow towards the road and then into the  
2           riverine wetland.

3   Q.    What would happen -- when your report states  
4           that 72 percent of the soils are at a slight  
5           risk of erosion and then you put 30,000 tons of  
6           concrete, what percentage would that change?  
7           That is in your report.

8   A.    I do not know what -- how the concrete will  
9           change the erosion of the soil.

10  Q.    Would that cause more water on the ground?

11  A.    Uhm. . .

12  Q.    Since there's 30 tons of concrete in the  
13           ground, would that cause more water problems on  
14           the ground?

15  A.    I do not know for sure.

16  Q.    Well, that water has to go --

17                 JUDGE SLAVIN:  You're telling her things.

18  Q.    (By Ms. Stetson:)  Are you aware that that  
19           water has to go somewhere -- if there's a block  
20           in some part of land, that water has to go  
21           somewhere else.

22  A.    I can make speculations, but I can't say  
23           anything with certainty because this is not my  
24           specialty.  This isn't what I spend most of my

1 time doing.

2 Q. You are Water and Soil?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. So based on -- and this is all wetlands. Based  
5 on the facts in your report, would you consider  
6 that the wetlands are good sites for turbines?

7 A. No.

8 ATTORNEY BARRY: Object to the form of the  
9 question.

10 JUDGE SLAVIN: Sustained. It's not her  
11 decision to make.

12 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) I'm sorry, are they  
13 considered to be the site -- based on the facts  
14 in your report about -- would you consider the  
15 sites optimal for turbines; wetlands?

16 A. Specifically on the wetland, no.

17 Q. So you're stating -- are you stating that you  
18 don't feel that wetlands should have turbines?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. So we're talking -- how many did I say? 28.

21 So are you saying that the 28 turbines on  
22 the wetlands and the 13 in the flood zone you  
23 really don't recommend?

24 A. Not necessarily. I recommend that construction

1 should stay out of the wetlands and they should  
2 avoid crossing wetlands that are on the parcels.

3 So, for example, 39 has a riverine wetland  
4 that runs through it. I think that construction  
5 should avoid being near the riverine wetland and  
6 they should avoid crossing the riverine wetland.

7 Q. Would you concede that this turbine could lean  
8 or even fall because of the high water table?

9 ATTORNEY BARRY: Objection. She's  
10 testified she's not an engineer, and so I don't  
11 know she has the background to answer that  
12 question.

13 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) With the soil types --

14 JUDGE SLAVIN: You're interrupting.

15 Sustained. Don't answer that question.

16 It's not a proper question.

17 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) So you don't -- can you look  
18 at the map for T-39 -- and I think we did this  
19 one. Never mind.

20 Can you explain the "additional building  
21 and engineering concerns may be needed in this  
22 location that are limited concerning shallow  
23 excavation"?

24 Shallow excavation is in your report, as I

1 recall?

2 JUDGE SLAVIN: Is that a question pending  
3 or are you asking another question?

4 MS. STETSON: I'm just telling her --

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: No, don't tell her  
6 anything. Just ask her a question. She'll get  
7 confused. We'll all get confused.

8 MS. STETSON: Okay. I'm sorry.

9 JUDGE SLAVIN: Just ask her a question,  
10 please.

11 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) It's on Page 28.

12 A. So what was the question?

13 Q. Can you explain "the additional building and  
14 engineering concerns" -- "considerations  
15 made" -- "may be needed in the locations that  
16 are very limited when considering shallow  
17 excavation"?

18 A. So as far as shallow excavation goes, the  
19 definition for "very limited" is "it indicates  
20 that one or more soil properties or site  
21 features are unfavorable and difficult. It  
22 requires a major increase in construction  
23 effort, reclamation, special design or intensive  
24 maintenance. These difficult and costly

1 measures may not be feasible for some soils that  
2 are rated as severe."

3 Which is on Page 28 of that report.

4 As far as what engineering requirements  
5 there may be, I don't know how they would have  
6 to change their regular plans to accommodate  
7 this or if they would have to. I don't know, as  
8 far as engineering goes.

9 Q. What does 72 percent of the soils are very  
10 limited, what's that mean?

11 A. There are different soil types, which you can  
12 see on the map on Page 31. So the darker soil  
13 types are the limited soil types, and the  
14 lighter ones are the somewhat limited soil  
15 types.

16 So the darker ones are the very limited,  
17 and the lighter ones are the somewhat limited  
18 soil types.

19 So it's that national soil database that I  
20 pull this information from. So these soils were  
21 surveyed at some point and these are the  
22 characteristics of -- and properties that they  
23 were found to have.

24 Q. So as -- okay. Can you explain then the --

1           your first -- the first line on this, it says,  
2           "Shallow excavations are trenches or holes dug  
3           to a maximum depth of 5 to 6 feet." Does that  
4           mean -- or can you explain that, first?

5   A.    So that -- this part of the report would refer  
6           to where shallow excavation is taking place. So  
7           putting in the foundation of these windmills, I  
8           would imagine, would not be a shallow  
9           excavation.

10                 So it is speaking about a limiting layer  
11            in the soil. So if you're going to go that  
12            deep, you're going to go through the limiting  
13            layer no matter what, is what I'm assuming this  
14            is.

15                 But I don't know how deep they put their  
16            collection lines.

17   Q.    I just told you.

18   A.    Their collection lines?

19   Q.    Well, this is for the --

20                 JUDGE SLAVIN: You're not having a  
21            conversation, you two.

22                 MS. STETSON: Okay.

23                 JUDGE SLAVIN: You ask a question. You  
24            answer a question.

1 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Are you aware it's 7 feet  
2 deep?

3 A. I am now.

4 Q. So that wouldn't be considered shallow?

5 A. No, not by this definition.

6 Q. Okay. Can you explain "most of the parcel  
7 slopes towards the ravine wetlands, and most of  
8 the soils near the site are slight risk of  
9 erosion"? Can you explain that statement?

10 A. I believe we spoke about this. The direction  
11 of the slope is visual. Looking at the  
12 topographic map, you can see the contour lines  
13 that -- you can see there's two, kind of, peaks  
14 on the ridge that is on the northwest side of  
15 the riverine wetland.

16 So the majority of the site, based on the  
17 parcel that they showed me and where they plan  
18 to place the turbine, or the general idea where  
19 they plan to place the turbine, most of that  
20 land will drain into the riverine wetland.

21 And as far as "slight risk of erosion," it  
22 indicates that erosion is unlikely under  
23 ordinary climatic conditions.

24 Q. So what causes erosion?

1 A. Breaking up of soil particles, soil aggregates.

2 Q. From what?

3 A. Water or wind or walking. Anything that moves  
4 the soil.

5 Q. Would rain?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Intensive rain?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Are you aware that -- I'm going back to the  
10 Stetson family. They had to do prevent plant  
11 the years 2019 and 2020. So they couldn't plant  
12 because it was so wet. Now, this --

13 ATTORNEY BARRY: Objection. That's not a  
14 question.

15 JUDGE SLAVIN: I think it was a question  
16 but --

17 MS. STETSON: Are you aware? I said, "Are  
18 you aware."

19 JUDGE SLAVIN: Well, then let her answer.  
20 You just kept talking.

21 MS. STETSON: He interrupted me.

22 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Are you aware that we had  
23 prevent plant because it was so wet back there?

24 A. I am now.

1 Q. Okay. On that -- that was year '19 and '20.

2 JUDGE SLAVIN: You're telling her things  
3 again.

4 MS. STETSON: Okay.

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: Resist the temptation to  
6 tell her things. Just ask the question.

7 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Are you aware not only was  
8 our land wet, the adjacent property, which is  
9 this property, was just as wet?

10 A. I am now.

11 Q. Are you aware that if you go to the property  
12 today that there's a portion of that property  
13 that they can't plant because it gets so wet?

14 A. I am now.

15 Q. Have you ever been in that area?

16 A. Not that I know of.

17 Q. Come on by. I'll take you.

18 Can you explain why Leeward would want to  
19 put up a turbine when all or most of the soil  
20 sites -- soil near the site is considered poorly  
21 draining or frequently ponding?

22 JUDGE SLAVIN: I'm going to object to  
23 that. Look, she can't answer what somebody else  
24 thinks. Ask her a question she -- is fair.

1 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Can you define poorly  
2 draining and frequently ponding?

3 That may not be -- I'm sorry, this may  
4 not --

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: Don't do it. You have got  
6 a question pending. It's fine.

7 A. Frequently ponding means that ponding occurs on  
8 average more than once in two years. The chance  
9 of ponding is more than 50 percent in any year.

10 So just more frequent than not, I guess.  
11 There's a 50 percent chance every year that that  
12 soil will pond.

13 Q. And what is poor -- can you explain poorly  
14 draining?

15 A. I don't see where I have the definition of  
16 poorly draining, but it's very similar to  
17 ponding. It's that the water takes longer to be  
18 absorbed into the soil.

19 Q. So it takes -- so did you just state, it takes  
20 longer to get into the soil? Would it take even  
21 longer if there was 30 tons of concrete in the  
22 water -- in the ground?

23 A. It's not going to absorb into the concrete. I  
24 don't know how it will affect the soil around

1           that concrete.

2   Q.    Well, do you believe it will hit a spot on the  
3           concrete and go somewhere else?

4   A.    Yeah, it will go into the soil next to the  
5           concrete.

6   Q.    What do you mean when you state "very" on how  
7           limiting are the soils to excavation?

8   A.    Very limited for shallow excavation indicates  
9           that one or more soil properties or site  
10          features are unfavorable and difficult.  It  
11          requires a major increase in construction effort  
12          reclamation, special design or intensive  
13          maintenance.  These difficult and costly  
14          measures may not be feasible for some soils that  
15          are rated as severe.

16                 But I also believe that we discussed that  
17                 there wouldn't be shallow excavation?

18  Q.    So did you just -- it won't be shallow, but  
19          will it be -- they would have to go deeper?

20  A.    Yes, they're going to go deeper than the  
21          restrictive layer is for shallow excavation.

22  Q.    From your report, is this a good place to put a  
23          turbine, that states "take care of working and  
24          wetlands and flood zones"?

1           ATTORNEY BARRY:  Objection.

2           JUDGE SLAVIN:  Sustained.  It's not her  
3           decision.  She's testifying as to facts.

4   Q.    (By Ms. Stetson:)  So does the Soil and Water  
5           Department advise that wetlands are not a good  
6           place for wind turbines?

7           ATTORNEY BARRY:  Objection.

8           JUDGE SLAVIN:  Overruled.

9   A.    Yes, as I stated before, we think that wetlands  
10          should -- you should avoid construction in  
11          wetlands and consult with the Army Corps on that  
12          topic.

13   Q.    (By Ms. Stetson:)  What would the ecological  
14          effects be with all the concrete in the turbine  
15          base?

16   A.    I don't know how the concrete will affect the  
17          soil around it.  The construction has a chance  
18          to limit soil organisms, but I don't know to  
19          what extent.

20   Q.    What would be the mitigation measures for  
21          turbines that might be built in wetland areas  
22          and flood zones?

23   A.    Can somebody let me know what mitigation means?  
24          That way I answer this correctly.

1 Q. How would you -- how would you go about fixing  
2 something at the time of it being worked on?

3 A. So construction, putting -- installing the  
4 turbine?

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: She's not going to answer  
6 your question.

7 A. Okay. I would avoid construction in wetlands.  
8 That is what I would recommend.

9 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Okay. What is your specific  
10 concern for collection lines about working in  
11 the flood zone, as noted in your comments?

12 A. That they need to speak to the Army Corps to  
13 figure out whatever permits and regulations go  
14 along with that.

15 Q. Why does the soil have such a high corrosive  
16 factor on all these turbines and collection  
17 sites?

18 A. It would be some property in the soil. I don't  
19 know specifically what makes the soil corrosive,  
20 because it's not the same soil on every site.  
21 And that's mostly included for their engineers,  
22 so that their engineers know that it is  
23 corrosive there.

24 Q. Okay. So you did recommend -- did you

1 recommend the US Army Corps of Engineers to look  
2 at the placements before finalizing the work  
3 plans?

4 A. I recommend that they reach out to the US Army  
5 Corps.

6 Q. And what if they don't?

7 A. I have no legal hold over them to make sure  
8 that they reach out to the Army Corps.

9 Q. So you don't believe that they have been  
10 contacted yet?

11 A. That is not what I said.

12 Q. It's just another question. Do you believe  
13 that they have been contacted?

14 A. I don't know.

15 Q. So is the US Army Corps of Engineers considered  
16 a federal organization?

17 A. I believe so.

18 Q. And they have to get permits?

19 A. Possibly.

20 Q. So you stated that there's -- okay. What  
21 natural areas are included in your report?

22 A. The three I think you mentioned. Mautino State  
23 Fish and Wildlife, Walnut Grove and Box Pond.

24 Q. And is Walnut Grove Woodland considered a

1 Bureau County Soil and Water Conservation  
2 District property?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. Walnut Grove is seven acres, and is it used for  
5 hiking, wildlife observation and environmental  
6 education?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And wildlife habitat?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Are you aware of the IDNR letter that states  
11 that properties owned, managed and leased are  
12 suggested to be one mile linear from any  
13 Illinois Nature Preserves Commission property to  
14 avoid or minimize the potential impacts on  
15 wildlife?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Are you aware that the Mautino State Fish and  
18 Wildlife is considered an Illinois Natural  
19 Preserves Commission property?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you're aware of the setbacks for safety of  
22 all wildlife?

23 A. I am now, yes.

24 Q. Does the Bureau County Water and Soil

1 Conservation recognize Walnut Grove as a safe  
2 area for all wildlife?

3 A. For terrestrial wildlife, yes.

4 Q. Could you explain terrestrial?

5 A. Not fish.

6 Q. Okay. So what does -- okay. What distance  
7 does the Soil and Water Conservation recommend  
8 for the Walnut Grove Woodland area to the wind  
9 turbines?

10 A. I would defer to IDNR's recommendation.

11 Q. So you would go with the one mile linear?

12 A. Yes, but there's no legal holding to that.

13 Q. Are you aware of the multi-timber areas around,  
14 Mautino and Walnut Grove Woodland?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Have you ever been out there to see if there's  
17 any -- what the wildlife is?

18 A. I have not surveyed the areas.

19 Q. So you haven't been to this area at all to look  
20 at what you did your report on?

21 A. I have been to these natural areas. I have not  
22 done a survey on what specific wildlife is out  
23 there.

24 Q. Do you conclude that the following turbines

1 should be excluded from the project due to the  
2 proximity of Mautino and Walnut Grove Woodland?  
3 Do you believe that T-35, which is 0.5 miles  
4 from Mautino --

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: I'm going to object. I'm  
6 going to do my own objection.

7 What she believes doesn't matter. She  
8 doesn't make the call.

9 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Let me reword that.

10 The IDNR suggests the one mile from  
11 Mautino. That would include -- would you  
12 consider that to include T-35?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. That would -- would you be -- would that also  
15 consider T-5?

16 A. Can I make a general --

17 JUDGE SLAVIN: Just answer the question,  
18 please.

19 A. Yes, if it's within half a mile of Mautino.

20 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) And A -- or T-51?

21 A. Yes, if it's within a mile of Mautino.

22 Q. And A-56?

23 A. Yes, if it's within a mile of Mautino.

24 Q. And what about these -- the collection line,

1 CL-59, it's 0.5 miles. Do you believe the  
2 collection line would be another area that's  
3 within the mile?

4 A. Yes, if it's within a mile of Mautino.

5 Q. And T-34?

6 A. If it's within a mile of Mautino, yes.

7 Q. Now, T-30- -- are you aware that T-35 is less  
8 than a mile from Walnut Grove Woodland?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you recommend that mile distance for you,  
11 as well?

12 ATTORNEY BARRY: Objection. The IDNR  
13 letter focused only on the Mautino State  
14 property. The letter says what it says, but it  
15 didn't say anything about anything else other  
16 than the Mautino State property.

17 JUDGE SLAVIN: That wasn't the question.  
18 The question was whether she recommended as to  
19 Walnut Grove. I think she said Walnut Grove.

20 MS. STETSON: I did.

21 JUDGE SLAVIN: You don't have to answer  
22 me. Just ask the question.

23 MS. STETSON: I'm getting better.

24 JUDGE SLAVIN: I'm not -- no, I don't want

1 feedback. I just want you to ask a question and  
2 get an answer.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Are you aware that there are  
5 numerous timber areas in the turbine footprint  
6 that could have eagles' habitat aside from the  
7 Mautino and Walnut Grove Woodland?

8 A. I'm aware that it could be a possibility.

9 Q. Okay. Are you aware that the Planning  
10 Commission put a stipulation in their  
11 Conditional Use Permit on August 14th, 2025, and  
12 Braided Creek Wind shall review and take  
13 recommendations made by Bureau County Soil and  
14 Water?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So after reading this, are you aware that you  
17 said a mile from Walnut Grove Woodland is a  
18 recommendation from the US -- from the Water and  
19 Soil, so they would have to take into  
20 consideration --

21 JUDGE SLAVIN: That's the longest -- first  
22 of all, she can't give a legal opinion. But  
23 that's the longest question I have ever heard.  
24 One question at a time.

1 MS. STETSON: Okay.

2 A. Yes.

3 JUDGE SLAVIN: Actually, it was two  
4 questions.

5 MS. STETSON: Okay.

6 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) So because of this  
7 recommendation, are you -- because of this  
8 recommendation made by the Bureau County Soil  
9 and Water -- or made by you for the mile, and  
10 the Planning Commission put that in the  
11 stipulation, do you believe that that should be  
12 upheld?

13 ATTORNEY BARRY: Objection.

14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Sustained. What she  
15 believes doesn't matter.

16 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Do you believe that Water  
17 and Soil should stay with that recommendation?

18 ATTORNEY BARRY: Objection.

19 JUDGE SLAVIN: Overruled.

20 A. It's a recommendation, but it's not a  
21 regulation.

22 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Who determines how the  
23 collection lines go under the railroad?

24 A. I don't know.

1 Q. Well, it does involve soil, doing underneath,  
2 that's why I'm asking.

3 JUDGE SLAVIN: You're telling her things.

4 MS. STETSON: Okay. Sorry.

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: She said she doesn't know.

6 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Do you know if the railroad  
7 tracks are considered federal land?

8 A. No.

9 Q. So the Water -- does the Soil and Water have to  
10 be involved with how they go under the rails?

11 A. No, not as far as I know.

12 Q. So who would that be?

13 A. I would guess the railroad.

14 Q. And the railroad is considered -- is it  
15 considered federal?

16 A. I don't know.

17 Q. I believe it is.

18 JUDGE SLAVIN: Now you just told her  
19 something. Ask a question. Don't tell her  
20 things. What you think doesn't matter. Ask a  
21 question. I mean, it doesn't matter for the  
22 purposes of what --

23 Q. (By Ms. Stetson:) Do you think it requires a  
24 permit to go underneath the railroad?

1 A. Possibly, yes.

2 MS. STETSON: All right. I think I'm  
3 done.

4 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. We're going to take  
5 a break. I don't even know what time it is.

6 Thank you. You may step down, or walk  
7 away. "You say step down" when people are  
8 sitting on a witness stand. I just say "walk  
9 away."

10 Let's see, ten minutes. Five of.

11 (A recess was taken at 7:46 p.m.  
12 and proceedings resumed at  
13 7:56 p.m.)

14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Before I let Ms. Taylor go,  
15 any other Interested Parties, questions of  
16 Ms. Taylor? Just raise your hand. Otherwise,  
17 I. . .

18 (No verbal response.)

19 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Yes, you're free to  
20 go.

21 THE WITNESS: Cool. Thank you.

22 JUDGE SLAVIN: Ms. Donarski -- thank you.  
23 Ms. Donarski, any other questions -- any  
24 other witnesses; not questions?

1 MS. DONARSKI: I have no other witnesses.

2 JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. It's come time  
3 for Interested Parties' testimony.

4 Now, as we all may remember, the ZBA rules  
5 are that the session should not last longer than  
6 two and a half hours. Now, that's not, like, a  
7 drop-dead, lightning strikes. But any  
8 Interested Parties want to testify that they are  
9 pretty sure they can keep their testimony inside  
10 35 minutes?

11 Connie?

12 MS. STETSON: I do have to say that some  
13 of my testimony will be going from what I  
14 learned tonight from the USDA.

15 JUDGE SLAVIN: Yeah.

16 MS. STETSON: And I'm not really ready  
17 for --

18 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. That's fair  
19 argument.

20 MS. STETSON: So if we could hold off  
21 until next time so I can --

22 JUDGE SLAVIN: That's just you. I'm  
23 interested in any other Interested Party.

24 Okay. Yeah, why don't you come on up and

1 raise your right hand?

2 Anybody besides -- I'm just trying to  
3 anticipate how the rest of the night is going to  
4 go -- besides this lady?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. And remember, it's  
7 just testimony. It's not how you feel. If any  
8 sentence begins with "I think" or "I believe" or  
9 "you should find," I'm going to be that mean  
10 guy. Just interested in facts at this point.  
11 There will be time for speeches another couple  
12 sessions from now.

13 MS. ROSE: Am I correct to assume I need  
14 handouts for everyone?

15 JUDGE SLAVIN: That would be great. If  
16 you have got something to hand out for everyone,  
17 that would be great. Or maybe Samantha will  
18 help you. Not that she's here to help you, but  
19 we can move along and help you.

20 MS. ROSE: I can verify this will not take  
21 very long.

22 Would you prefer I hand these out before?

23 JUDGE SLAVIN: She's going to do it right  
24 now.

1 MS. ROSE: Okay.

2 JUDGE SLAVIN: Off the record.

3 (A discussion was held off  
4 the record.)

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: You apparently didn't write  
6 exhibits on them, which is fine.

7 MS. ROSE: I did not.

8 JUDGE SLAVIN: So you know and we all know  
9 what we're talking about, give them to Samantha  
10 so we can have the same numbers on the same  
11 pages, please.

12 MS. ROSE: Okay. My apologies, I was not  
13 aware of this.

14 JUDGE SLAVIN: You don't have to  
15 apologize. I know you didn't know.

16 All right. Help you get started. State  
17 your name.

18 MS. ROSE: Laura Rose.

19 JUDGE SLAVIN: And I have forgotten.  
20 Spell your last name, please.

21 MS. ROSE: R-O-S-E.

22 JUDGE SLAVIN: And, Laura, do you live in  
23 Bureau County?

24 MS. ROSE: Yes, I live within the

1 footprint.

2 JUDGE SLAVIN: Thank you.

3 Do you own the property you live in?

4 MS. ROSE: Yes.

5 JUDGE SLAVIN: Okay. Well, I'm not sure  
6 what you want to bring out. So you go ahead,  
7 tell us. Stick to facts.

8 (IP Exhibit Number 2 marked for  
9 identification.)

10 MS. ROSE: First off, just would like you  
11 to refer to IP 2, which I will be reading from.

12 In the April 2023 consolidated election  
13 held in Bureau County, Illinois, an initiative  
14 was placed on the ballot for Macon and Neponset  
15 Townships to place a ten-year moratorium on the  
16 construction of industrial wind farms. The  
17 required number of signatures were obtained on  
18 petitions from registered voters in Macon  
19 Township and submitted to the county clerk on  
20 December 20th of 2022.

21 (IP Exhibit Number 4 marked for  
22 identification.)

23 MS. ROSE: And I will refer to IP Number 4  
24 as the petitions.

1           This was within the time frame to have  
2           this placed on the ballot for the April '23  
3           consolidated election.

4           The specific wording on the petitions and  
5           the ballot is as follows -- and the same wording  
6           was used for both Neponset and Macon Townships,  
7           except just to refer to the separate townships.  
8           However, for tonight's discussion I will be  
9           referring to Macon Township only.

10           The wording on the moratorium -- or the  
11           ballot was: Shall a ten-year moratorium on the  
12           construction of additional industrial wind power  
13           in Macon Township be approved, halting  
14           development and construction of any large or  
15           significant industrial wind project?

16           Prior to the election, postcards were  
17           mailed to voters, reminding them to vote  
18           regarding this measure. And I would refer to  
19           IP Number 1.

20                           (IP Exhibit Number 1 marked for  
21                           identification.)

22           MS. ROSE: The result of the election for  
23           this measure were, of the 40 people that did  
24           vote, 28 voted yes, which was for the

1 moratorium, and 12 voted no, against, which  
2 calculates to approximately 70 percent for the  
3 ten-year moratorium.

4 (IP Exhibit Number 3 marked for  
5 identification.)

6 MS. ROSE: And if you'll refer to  
7 IP Number 3, the bottom box shows, from the  
8 county clerk, those voting totals.

9 While voter turnout was low, which is  
10 normal for a consolidated election, it still  
11 points to the fact that voters did not want  
12 future industrial wind farm projects in their  
13 township. And also, while this vote is not  
14 binding, it is a distinct reflection of the  
15 sentiment of the voters, not landowners, of  
16 which many do not live in Macon Township and  
17 therefore do not vote.

18 In January of 2023, prior to the election,  
19 by Public Act 102-1123, Governor Pritzker signed  
20 a ban on moratoriums for wind and solar projects  
21 in Illinois. So you ask, how could this vote be  
22 on the ballot? All the signed petitions were  
23 submitted to the county clerk and the official  
24 ballot was approved before the law was enacted.

1 JUDGE SLAVIN: Anything else?

2 MS. ROSE: No. Thank you.

3 JUDGE SLAVIN: Questions of this witness.

4 Ms. Donarski?

5 MS. DONARSKI: I have none.

6 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Welbers?

7 MR. WELBERS: I don't have any questions.

8 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Jensen?

9 MR. JENSEN: No questions.

10 JUDGE SLAVIN: Ms. Smith?

11 MS. SMITH: I have none.

12 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Forristall?

13 MR. FORRISTALL: No, sir.

14 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Stutzke?

15 MR. STUTZKE: No, sir.

16 JUDGE SLAVIN: Mr. Barry?

17 ATTORNEY BARRY: No questions.

18 JUDGE SLAVIN: Any Interested Parties,  
19 questions of this witness? Raise of hand.

20 (No verbal response.)

21 JUDGE SLAVIN: Seeing none, you may step  
22 down. Thank you.

23 MS. ROSE: Thank you.

24 JUDGE SLAVIN: All right. I didn't see --

1 still no other Interested Parties want to  
2 testify? Only Connie, and she wants some time,  
3 I understand.

4 So I guess we are recessed until -- let me  
5 make sure I get this right -- Monday, December  
6 8th -- off the record a minute, Callie.

7 (A discussion was held off  
8 the record.)

9 JUDGE SLAVIN: So recessing until -- not  
10 recessing -- yeah, recessing until  
11 December 10th, 6 o'clock, here at the Princeton  
12 Moose Lodge. Everybody have a good  
13 Thanksgiving. 6 o'clock, December 10th, here.

14 (The hearing was recessed at  
15 8:12 p.m.)

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Now on this 12th day of November, A.D.,  
2025, I do signify that the foregoing testimony was  
given before the Bureau County Zoning Board of  
Appeals.

Barry Welbers, Chairman

Kristine Donarski,  
Zoning Enforcement Officer

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