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**For Immediate Release: Wednesday, August 5, 2020**

**Due to COVID-19, the Public is Encouraged to Use On-line Options To Watch, Listen To and Participate in the August 11, 2020 Wind Farm (WECS) Public Hearing**

Attached is an advanced agenda for the August 11, 2020 Public Hearing to be conducted by the Plan Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the application for a WECS Siting Permit filed by Petitioner/Applicant LINCOLN LAND WIND, LLC. The County Courthouse doors will open at approximately 5:00 p.m. in advance of the 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing. Citizens are asked to wear a mask in consideration of current conditions. Physical attendance by the public inside the Morgan County Courthouse is limited to approximately 18 to 20 individuals, not counting County officials, County staff and consultants, and the Petitioners and consultants, due to social distancing guidelines. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the Public Hearing by using the Zoom app. A link with the Meeting ID number and access code to join the meeting will be posted to <https://morgancounty-il.com/meetings2020> at least 2 hours before the Public Hearing. That page also has more information on Zoom. Public comments will be allowed during the Public Hearing, using the "raise hand" function in the Zoom app.

For those unable to utilize the Zoom app, you may submit written comments to the Morgan County Plan Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals by leaving a hard copy in the Courthouse drop box or via email to [wind@morgancounty-il.com](mailto:wind@morgancounty-il.com) by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Your written comments will be read into the public record (if concise) or included as part of the public record.

Additional remote viewing areas to watch, listen and participate in the Public Hearing via electronic means will be provided inside the Jacksonville Municipal Chambers and in front of the County courthouse. Arrangements will be made for public comments to be heard by individuals present in these remote viewing areas.

Please expect the Public Hearing to last four plus hours.

*Physical attendance at this Public Hearing inside the Courthouse Chambers is limited to the lesser of 50 individuals or 50% room occupancy, with priority given to County officials, County staff and consultants, and the Petitioners and consultants, subject to social distancing guidelines.*

*The above Public Meeting restrictions are authorized by the Open Meetings Act, the CDC directive (social distancing guidelines) and Illinois Governor Disaster Proclamation dated July 24, 2020 (Phase 4 Restore Illinois Plan), and Executive Order 2020-48 extending the Governor's prior Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and his implementation of Phase 4 of the "Restore Illinois" Plan (Community Revitalization Order - COVID-19 E.O. No. 45).*

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BRADLEY A. ZELLER  
CHAIRMAN

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**AGENDA**

**MORGAN COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
REQUEST FOR SITING APPROVAL PERMIT FOR A WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM  
PETITIONER/APPLICANT: LINCOLN LAND WIND, LLC**

**MORGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COURT CHAMBERS**

**AUGUST 11, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.**

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll Call of Members to Establish Quorum
- C. Opening of Public Hearing – Dan Little, Chairman
- D. Swearing in Petitioner, Objectors and Interested Persons – Court Reporter
- E. Confirmation of notices published and mailed in accordance with applicable State law(s) and County requirements – Dusty Douglas, Morgan County Planner
- F. Lincoln Land Wind, LLC presentation (brief review of petition, identification of submitted documents, testimony of witness(es) and submittal of new documents, etc.)

Expect 1½ hour presentation, followed by a break at approximately 7:00 p.m.  
Resume from break at approximately 7:15 p.m.

- Questions by Public Body
  - Questions by Objectors and Interested Persons
  - Rebuttal
  - Board accepts presented documents into public record (Petitioner’s Exhibits)
- G. County staff and consultant(s) presentation (summary of staff plan review and recommendation, identification of submitted documents, testimony of witness(es) and submittal of new documents, etc.)
    - Questions by Public Body
    - Questions by Objectors and Interested Persons
    - Rebuttal
    - Board accepts presented documents into public record (Staff’s Exhibits)
  - H. Objectors presentation(s) (statement of objections, identification of submitted documents, testimony of witness(es) and submittal of new documents, etc.)
    - Questions by Public Body
    - Questions by Petitioner and Interested Persons
    - Rebuttal
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- I. Interested Persons presentation(s) (statements, identification of submitted documents, testimony of witness(es) and submittal of new documents, etc.)
  - Questions by Public Body
  - Questions by Petitioner and Objectors
  - Rebuttal
  - Board accepts presented documents into public record (Interested Persons' Exhibits)
- J. Final questions by Public Body
- K. Closing Remarks by Petitioner, Objectors, Interested Persons and County Staff
- L. Action by the Public Body (e.g., a motion to recommend approval or denial of the petition, or a motion to continue the Public Hearing to a specific future date and time for further proceedings, etc.)
- M. Public Comments – topics other than the application
- N. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (if any)
- O. Close or continuation of Public Hearing

The Public Hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice, except as otherwise required under the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The application and zoning relief sought may be added to, revised, altered or eliminated as a result of the Public Hearing and prior to final action by the County Board.

If you require specific accommodations with regard to physical disabilities or require language interpretative services, please contact our office at least 24 hours in advance of the Public Hearing at 217-243-9404 ext. 103 (Dusty Douglas).

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the public's participation in this Public Hearing shall be as follows:

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