

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

**AUGUST 9, 2021**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**PRESENT: ALL**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the White County Commissioners held a special meeting on August 9, 2021, in the White County Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor John C. Heimlich Conference Room, beginning at noon.

Commissioners present were: President David Diener, Commissioner Steve Burton, and Commissioner James B. Davis. Other County representatives present were: White County Auditor Gayle Rogers, Commissioners' Assistant Donya Tirpak, and White County Attorney George Loy.

Commissioner Diener called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider an Economic Development Agreement with EDP – Meadow Lake Solar Farm.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – EDP RENEWABLES/MEADOW LAKE SOLAR FARM**

County Attorney George Loy presented a resolution for the Economic Development Agreement between White County and Meadow Lake Solar Park LLC. This project is identical to the Twin Lakes Solar project. The project will consist of approximately 200 megawatts of new generating capacity. Located south of Hwy 24 and west of CR 300 E. in Honey Creek, Union and Big Creek Townships. The EDA payment is \$13,000 per megawatt, \$2.6 million over three years.

Tom Loturco, Director of Development, said that EDP/Meadow Lake Solar would lease out \$2,500 acres and use 1,500 acres for the solar panels. Construction for the project will start in September of this year, and operation will begin around October 2022.

Commissioner Diener asked if there were any questions on the proposed Economic Development Agreement. No response.

- Commissioner Burton motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-08-09-01 approving the agreement with Meadow Lake Solar Park LLC and certain other matters in connection therewith, seconded by Commissioner Davis. **Vote: Unanimous**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-08-09-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MEADOW LAKE SOLAR PARK LLC AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the White County, Indiana (the "Board") desires to benefit the health and general welfare of the citizens of White County, Indiana (the "County") and create opportunities for gainful employment and business opportunities within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Meadow Lake Solar Park LLC (the "Company") is contemplating the development and construction of an additional phase of a solar electric generating facility in the County, which will have a rated capacity of approximately 200 megawatts (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Company has requested assistance with the completion of certain road improvements, assistance with zoning variances and other permits, the approval of tax abatement, and other assistance from the County with respect to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, to induce the Company to complete the Project, the Board desires to approve the execution of an Agreement for Economic Development, between the County and the Company, a form of which has been presented to the Board on the date hereof (the "Economic Development Agreement"), pursuant to which certain incentives will be provided to Company in exchange for its commitment to complete the Project, to make certain economic development payments, and to take certain other actions with respect to the Project.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of White County, Indiana, that:

The Board hereby finds that the execution and delivery of the Economic Development Agreement are in the best interests of the County and its citizens. The Board is authorized and directed to execute the Economic Development Agreement, in the name and on behalf of the County, and the Auditor of the County is hereby authorized and directed to attest the execution of such agreement, with such changes and modifications as such persons deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate this Resolution, said persons' execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of the approval of such changes.

The members of the County Council, the Board, the Auditor of the County, the legal counsel of the County, and other appropriate officers of the County are hereby authorized to take all such actions and execute all such instruments as are necessary or desirable to effectuate this Resolution.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

There being no further business to come before the board, their meeting adjourned.

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David Diener, President

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Steve Burton, Vice President

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James B. Davis, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle Rogers, Auditor