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3	BRIAN BANGERT		2	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERN	IAN: III
4	CHRIS CARLTON MARY BETH TAYLOR		3	affirm the staff at this point.	
5	PHIL DICK		4	(Whereupon Mr. Dick aff	irmed at
	Secretary		5	this point.)	
6	SAMANTHA WALLEY		6	MR. DICK: If someone else	9
7	Assistant State's Attorney		7	testifies, they'll have to do it then.	
8	LUKE HOHULIN Assistant County Engineer		8	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERN	IAN: Okay.
9	, ,		9	Thank you very much.	
10	APPEARANCES:		10	So, Mr. Dick, would y	ou call
11	BARTON PITTS 4620 Downers Drive		11	the first case which is Case SU-18-23, an	
12	Downers Grove, Illinois		12	application of Arrowsmith Renewables I LLC	
	-and-		13	MR. DICK: This is Case No	
13	JUSTIN CRABLE		14	SU-18-23, application of Arrowsmith Renewa	
14	1245 East Diehl Road Suite 100		15	LLC by Nexamp, Inc. for a special use to allo	
15	Naperville, Illinois 60563		16	solar power generating facility in the Agricult	
16	-and-		17	District on property in the Northwest Quarter	of
17	DAVID KOSTURIK		18	Section 21, Township 23 North, Range 5 Ea	
	440 Swan Boulevard		19	Third Principal Meridian located in Arrowsmi	th
18	Deerfield Illinois 60015				
18	Deerfield, Illinois 60015		20	Township immediately west of 3300 East Ro	ad and
18 19 20	Deerfield, Illinois 60015 on behalf of the Applica	ant.	20 21	Township immediately west of 3300 East Ro approximately .4 miles south of North Road.	
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1	2018 as provided by law. All the other required	1	For site photos of the
2	notifications have been made, and the applicant has	2	property, if you'll look up above, we see where the
3	paid the publication costs.	3	property is located south of Arrowsmith.
4	As the first exhibit, I will	4	And this is a zoom-in of the
5	introduce the application. I will not pass it since	5	aerial of the property. There is a residence on the
6	you were all distributed a copy of this by mail.	6	northeast corner of the property or adjacent to the
7	As the first attachment, I	7	northeast corner of the property.
8	have a plat map showing where this property is	8	This is the public county
9	located in Arrowsmith Township. I will pass that.	9	highway facing south along the property. The
10	And as part of this Land	10	subject property is to the right through that
11	Evaluation and Site Assessment for the special use,	11	cornfield, and this is to the north toward
12	we have a soil report and a Land Evaluation and Site	12	Arrowsmith, and this is the residence that is off
13	Assessment which I will pass that was incorporated	13	the northeast corner of the subject property.
14	into the staff report.	14	The same property.
15	And we have a communication	15	And then this is facing west
16	from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources	16	along the south boundary of that nonfarm residence.
17	having to do with the endangered species on the	17	And facing the field toward
18	property, and there were not found to be any there,	18	the southwest.
19	and the consultation was closed.	19	And this is across the road to
20	And we have a communication	20	the east where the field has been harvested.
21	from the health department regarding the septic	21	And this is facing northwest,
22	system on the property, that they're okay with the	22	and this is the southeast corner of the property.
23	proposed application; and a communication to the	23	And then facing northeast to
	6		8
1	Historic Preservation Agency which I will pass.	1	nonfarm residence across the road.
2	That consultation will need to be closed before the	2	And then this is the property
3	applicant will obtain a building permit for the	3	across the road to the east of the subject property
4	construction of this facility.	4	at the southeast corner.
5	And we have a communication	5	And this is the blowup of the
6	from the applicant indicating that they've been in	6	property.
7	touch with the County Highway Department regarding a	7	And I'll read the staff report
8	road use agreement in the future, which I will pass;	8	as follows.
9	and an attachment that shows the site plan of this	9	To a large extent, the staff
10	proposed solar farm.	10	report for this case and the one that follows are
11	And the next I won't pass	11	the same, so I will not read them for both of them,
12	this since I've distributed these to you all by	12	but this staff report is very similar to the
13	mail, but the applicant is actually applying for two	13	following one.
14	special uses, both 2-megawatt solar farms.	14	The size of the whole parcel
15	This is the one to the north	15	is 79 acres. It has approximately a thousand feet
16	of the other one. It's on the same property but	16	of frontage on the west side of 3300 East Road which
17	it's north of the one that's going to follow in the	17	is County Highway 15.
18	next zoning case.	18	The topography is relatively
19	And a zoning map showing where	19	flat, and the drainage is to the west. Vegetation
20	this property is located in the Agriculture District	20	is crop production. The public road is
21	just south of Arrowsmith.	21	approximately 22 feet 2 inches in width, and it's an
22	And the last board exhibit is	22	asphalt road.
23	the staff report which I've also mailed to you.	23	The surrounding zone is

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1	provide decommissioning security financing for the	1	Crable. I'm with Atwell.
2	estimated cost of decommissioning in the amount	2	My office is at 1245 East
3	determined by the engineer or \$50,000 (\$25,000 per	3	Diehl Road. That's Suite 100, Naperville, Illinois
4	megawatt), whichever is greater. Security financing	4	60563, and my firm is the civil survey and landscape
5	must be in the form of an irrevocable letter of	5	architectural consultant on the project.
6	credit or a cash escrow unless the county board in	6	MR. KOSTURIK: My name is David
7	its sole discretion agrees to accept its performance	7	Kosturik. That's K-o-s-t-u-r-i-k. Address is 440
8	bond.	8	Swan Boulevard, Deerfield, Illinois, and I am also
9	The decommissioning cost	9	with Nexamp.
10	estimate will be reviewed and revised by the	10	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: All right.
11	facility owner at least after the tenth year of	11	Would you like to be sworn in or affirm?
12	operation and each five years thereafter. For	12	MR. PITTS: Sworn in is fine.
13	deconstruction, all infrastructure needs to be	13	MR. CRABLE: That's fine.
14	removed to a depth of five feet, and all panels and	14	MR. KOSTURIK: That's fine.
15	support posts need to be removed entirely.	15	(Whereupon the witnesses were
16	9) The company must provide	16	sworn by Acting Chair Zimmerman.)
17	an Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement signed	17	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: All right.
18	by the company and the Illinois Department of	18	Would your like to present more information?
19	Agriculture prior to the issuance of a permit to	19	MR. PITTS: Yes.
20	construct from the county and must certify that it	20	
21	will comply with all the terms of the agreement.	21	NARRATIVE TESTIMONY
22	Nothing in the Agricultural Impact Mitigation	22	BY BARTON PITTS:
23	Agreement will preclude the County from establishing	23	I know the ZBA has been
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1	little bit different is we plan to hold these	1	to combiner boxes and then to an inverter.
2	projects through the entire length of the project,	2	We try and locate the inverter
3	which is essentially a 20-year lease with a 10-year	3	on a ten by ten concrete pad sort of in the middle
4	option to renew.	4	of the array. It's really the only piece of
5	So we plan to hold these for	5	equipment that really makes any noise at all, so we
6	the full 30 years. I know there are some developers	6	try and set that back away from the road or any
7	that plan to sell them sooner than that, but we're	7	residences.
8	sort of a long-term investor, and we want to be a	8	From there, we'll have a
9	community partner.	9	series of poles where all the wiring will come up
10	So I think I should just head	10	out of the ground onto poles and then through a
11	right over to the project plans.	11	couple pieces of equipment that are mounted on poles
12	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Excuse me	12	and out to the three-phase wiring at the road.
13	for a second.	13	So underneath all these panels
14	You have here Arrowsmith	14	will be planted, as Phil mentioned, a native grass.
15	Renewables I and II.	15	We'll work with the County to plant what they want
16	Mr. Dick, how are we to hear	16	planted here.
17	these? Since we've been presented with Case Number	17	Essentially we want to keep it
18	I, the SU-18-23, do we want to take this as also	18	as a low growth sort of meadow mix so that it's not
19	valid for SU-18-24?	19	a grass that grows up over and shades part of the
20	MR. DICK: No. We would be hearing	20	panels. That growth and ground cover generally will
21	only SU-18-23 at this time.	21	retain water better than row crop, so it should
22	But as I indicated in my staff	22	stabilize the soil, and over the 30 years there
23	report, I won't read through the whole report when	23	should be less water runoff under one of these
	22		24
1	we hear the second case, but we will refer to it,	1	systems than there would be under row crops.
2	and I think that's what Mr. Pitts is doing at this	2	On the fourth of the second of
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1	record.	1	We've heard them read so let's
2	I guess the last part is sort	2	go through them.
3	of the benefits of these projects to the community.	3	Do we have any discussion at
4	There is significant tax revenue that comes in with	4	this point generally?
5	these projects. The State of Illinois passed the	5	MR. KURITZ: Seems pretty much like
6	law to value these projects from a tax perspective.	6	all of them we've heard so far; nothing out of the
7	That law was passed over the summer valuing the	7	ordinary.
8	projects at \$218,000 per megawatt. That translates	8	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Correct.
9	to about \$14,000 per 2-megawatt project annually	9	So do we have any comments on
10	over and above the regular real estate taxes that	10	number 1, standard No. 1?
11	will not change.	11	On standard No. 2?
12	It's also a new source of	12	Standard No. 3?
13	revenue for the landowners. The community solar	13	Standard No. 4?
14	projects in general will power about 300 homes, so	14	Standard No. 5?
15	if there are 300 subscribers in the neighborhood	15	Standard No. 6?
16	that want to subscribe to this project, we generally	16	Standard No. 7?
17	will be offering a 15 percent discount to their	17	At this point, is there any
18	current electric supply rate, so it's a good thing	18	further discussion?
19	for those 300 subscribers.	19	MR. KURITZ: I move that we
20	And these projects will bring	20	recommend approval of SU-18-23 along with all of the
21	in construction jobs, electrical contractor jobs,	21	conditions applied by the staff.
22	the long-term jobs that are really just minor	22	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: With the
23	maintenance, lawn mowing, some electrical	23	ten stipulations?
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1	maintenance work, that kind of thing.	1	MR. KURITZ: Yes.
2	So with that, I think I'll	2	MR. BANGERT: Second.
3	leave it there and open it up to questions.	3	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: It's been
4	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Would the	4	moved by Kuritz, seconded by Bangert, that we accept
5	staff have any questions of the petitioner?	5	SU-18-23.
6	MR. DICK: No.	6	Would you please do a roll
7	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Would the	7	call vote?
8	board have any questions of the petitioner?	8	MR. DICK: Bangert?
9	Is there anyone in the	9	MR. BANGERT: Yes.
10	audience who has any questions of the applicant?	10	MR. DICK: Kuritz?
11	This is questions only.	11	MR. KURITZ: Yes.
12	And then is there anyone in	12	MR. DICK: Zimmerman?
13	the audience who wants to give testimony?	13	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Yes.
14	We're at the point of the	14	MR. DICK: Carlton?
15	closing statement.	15	MS. CARLTON: Yes.
16	Would the applicant like to	16	MR. DICK: Taylor?
		l	MS. TAYLOR: Yes.
17	issue a closing statement?	17	111111111111111111111111111111111111111
17 18	issue a closing statement? MR. PITTS: No.	17 18	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Unanimous
18	MR. PITTS: No.	18	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Unanimous
18 19	MR. PITTS: No. ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Thank you	18 19	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Unanimous vote, five votes for. It passes.
18 19 20	MR. PITTS: No. ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Thank you very much.	18 19 20	ACTING CHAIR ZIMMERMAN: Unanimous vote, five votes for. It passes. And Mr. Dick will give you the

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1	9 o'clock in the morning, and it will be on the
2	consent agenda unless one of the County Board
3	members chooses to take it off the agenda, and the
4	final decision shall be made at that time.
5	If you choose not to attend,
6	you could call me at noon and I'll let you know what
7	happened, and then shortly thereafter, I will send
8	you a copy of the findings of fact and the
9	recommendation or the decision of the County Board.
10	(Whereupon the foregoing
11	proceedings adjourned at 7:30
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