

ISABELLA COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

January 11, 2024

The organizational meeting of the Isabella County Planning Commission was held on January 11, 2024 at the Isabella County Commission on Aging Building, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Phillip Vogel, Kyle Camp, Adam Brookens, Lisa Hoisington

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bob Campbell, Ann Silker, Steve Swaney

**SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:** Ray Johnson, Planner/Zoning Administrator  
Mackenzie Rahl/Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bean at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neil, supported by Mr. Camp to approve the amended agenda.

Yes: Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Phillip Vogel, Kyle Camp, Adam Brookens, Lisa Hoisington

No: None

Motion to Approve Carried

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Bean called for nominations of officers.

A nomination was made by Mr. Camp for the following slate of officers; Kelly Bean for Chair, Tim O'Neil for Vice Chair, and Ann Silker for Secretary.

Mr. Bean called for other nominations, hearing none, Mr. Bean called for other nominations, hearing none, Mr. Bean called for other nominations. With no other nominations heard, Mr. Bean called for a motion to close nominations and accept the slate of officers.

A motion was made by Mr. Vogel to close the nominations, accept the slate of officers, and a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion was seconded by Mr. Camp.

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Yes: Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Phillip Vogel, Kyle Camp, Adam Brookens, Lisa Hoisington

No: None

Motion carried

**ESTABLISH MEETING DAY, TIME, PLACE, AND APPROVE THE 2024 CALENDAR**

Mr. Bean asked Mr. Johnson to review the proposed calendar.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the proposed meeting calendar. He proposed the Planning Commission hold its 2024 meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m., located at the Isabella County Commission on Aging Building, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neil to approve the proposed calendar and to set the meeting day, time and place as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. located at the Isabella County Commission on Aging Building, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. seconded by Mr. Vogel.

Yes: Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Phillip Vogel, Kyle Camp, Lisa Hoisington

No: Adam Brookens

Motion carried

**APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Bean appointed Phil Vogel as representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Ann Silker as the representative to the Parks and Recreation Board.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of the December 14, 2023 meeting were circulated to the members prior to the meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Mr. Vogel, supported by Mr. O'Neil to approve the minutes.

Yes: Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Phillip Vogel, Kyle Camp, Adam Brookens, Lisa Hoisington

No: None

Motion carried

**TOWNSHIP CONCERNS**

Jackie Curtis Denver Township – Ms. Curtis indicated that Denver Township was doing okay and commented on the Leaton Drain assessments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Opened at 7:08 p.m.

Shelia Solomon – Ms. Solomon indicated she lived in Chippewa Township. She presented a hand out to the members (attached). Ms. Solomon read a prepared statement in opposition to solar farms.

Jackie Curtis – Ms. Curtis commented on two bills passed against vandalism at churches and cemeteries and indicated penalties are now a misdemeanor.

Closed at 7:14 p.m.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Johnson indicated that Mr. Toth, whose application was tabled at the December 14, 2023 meeting, has submitted an amended site plan and narrative which appears to address the concerns from the previous meeting. He indicated that staff will be bringing that application back to the members in February for review and action.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Vogel indicated he was in Gratiot County and visited a solar farm. He commented on the noise from the inverters.

Mr. Camp asked if an application for a solar farm would come to the members for review.

Mr. Johnson indicated that a Special Use application in a Township where the County currently has zoning jurisdiction would be reviewed by the County Planning Commission.

General discussion occurred on the special use permit application and approval process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



Ann Silker, Secretary

Mackenzie Rahl, Recording Secretary

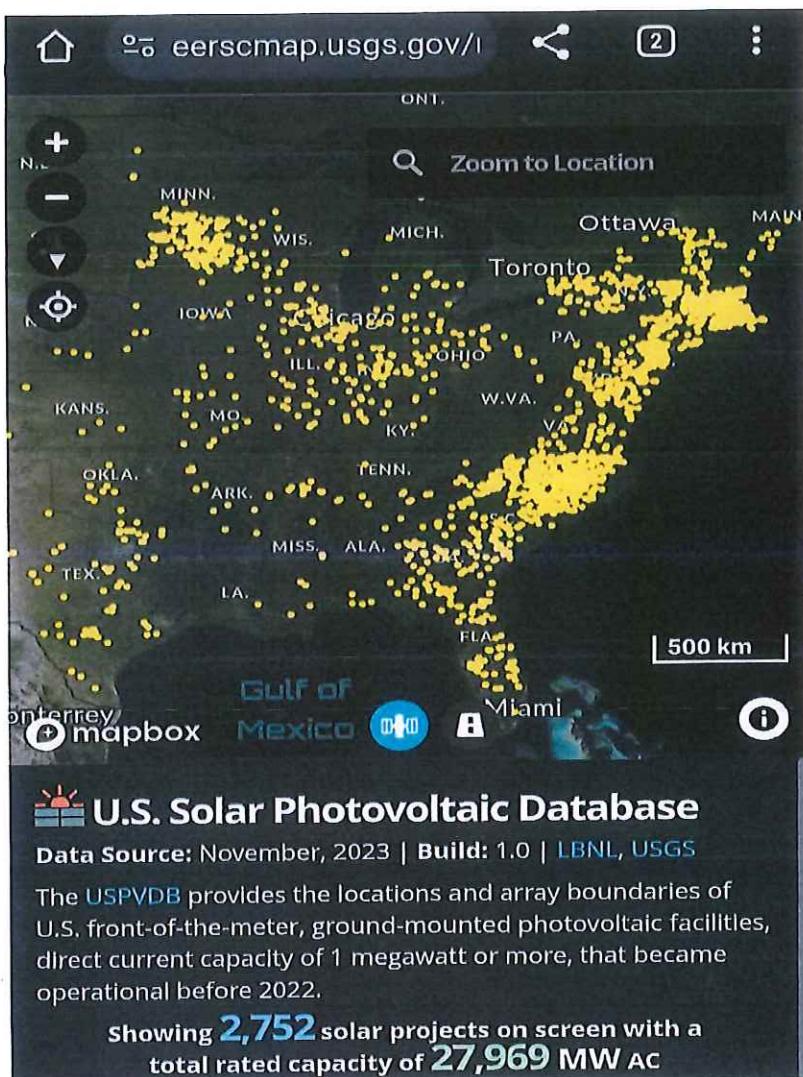
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## FEDERALLY OWNED LAND



SOURCE: United States Geological Survey

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### U.S. Solar Photovoltaic Database

Data Source: November, 2023 | Build: 1.0 | LBNL, USGS

The USPVDB provides the locations and array boundaries of U.S. front-of-the-meter, ground-mounted photovoltaic facilities, direct current capacity of 1 megawatt or more, that became operational before 2022.

Showing 2,752 solar projects on screen with a total rated capacity of 27,969 MW Ac