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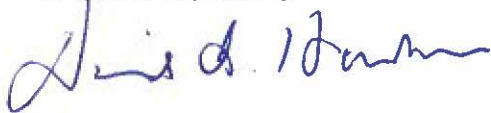
Re: Wood Duck Solar Project (Case No. 2024-00337)

Dear Members of the Siting Board,

Enclosed please find copies of the notices for the Joint City-County Planning Commission that are part of the case record and were referenced in my comments at the October 2, 2025 public hearing. I also enclosed those comments so that you can judge how inadequate and deceptive the notices were. How could anyone know the scope or nature of the project from these notices? Where is there mention that Wood Duck's Development Plan would be presented and acted upon at the JCCPC meeting. My comments are accurate and I hope you will protect the right of Barren Countians to have serious input into a matter that impacts them in so many ways.

Sincerely,

David L. Hawkins



October 2, 2025

Members of the Siting Board,

Thank you for another opportunity to express my opposition to Wood Duck Solar's 2,300 acre solar project proposed for Barren County. I am a neighboring property owner and have previously spoken and written about the many flaws and deficiencies in their plans. I appreciate that you have a forum for public comments and trust that each of you has read and considered the voluminous and factual volume of materials submitted in opposition to this proposal. Please give careful consideration to the following questions:

Why would you vote to approve this project when.....

- Inadequate notice was given to the public concerning the action being considered by the Joint City-County Planning Commission (JCCPC) at their August 20, 2018 meeting where, at the behest of Geenex (Wood Duck's parent company), the setback requirements in state law were reduced from 1,000 ft. to 50 ft. in JCCPC regulations. The notice referenced a "Text Amendment to the Barren County Subdivision Regulations for Alternative Energy Regulations". There was no mention of setbacks or solar farms to alert the public of the true nature of the action being contemplated. There was no one that spoke for or against the proposal and it passed unanimously. This was the genesis of the issue before us today.
- On October 26, 2023 an influence payment of \$10,000 was made by Geenex to the non-profit organization of Barren County Judge-Executive Jamie Byrd. Less than sixty days later the JCCPC had Geenex and Wood Duck requesting and obtaining action from the JCCPC.
- On December 18, 2023 JCCPC met to consider a "Pre-Construction Variance Application". Again the public was subjected to an inadequate and deceptive notice about the contemplated actions. The identity, nature and scope of the project is not mentioned in the Public Notice. There was no mention of a Development Plan being considered. After approving the variance request for Wood Duck, the JCCPC took up the Development Plan for the Wood Duck solar project and allowed Wood Duck representatives to make an extensive presentation about the solar farm. Because of the inadequate and deceptive notice, there was no one to speak to the project's many deficiencies. JCCPC members asked four less-than-probing questions and then approved the Development Plan. There was no discussion about the project's impact on property values, the Amish Community, quality of life issues for neighboring communities, risks to Mammoth Cave, fire or storm risks from the solar panels, or the need to be transparent with Barren County's citizens. There was no investigation into the purported economic benefits of the project. Just a pre-ordained outcome without citizen input.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint City-County Planning Commission will be considering a Pre-Construction Variance application of Twenty (20) feet to the Twenty (20) foot Rear Yard Setback Regulation and Ten (10) feet to the Ten (10) foot Side Yard Setback Regulation for the following properties:

220-222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, Oak Grove Church (PVA Parcel #19-12, 32-21E, 19-10, 32-200), Milltown Road (PVA Parcel #19-17B, 19-18, 19-5, 19-6E, 32-16A, 32-16B, 19-13A), Apple Grove Road (PVA Parcel #19-8, 32-15), Park City Bon Ayr Road (PVA Parcel #32-17, 32-17A, 32-21), Diamond Road (PVA Parcel #32-47C), Mayhew Road (PVA Parcel #32-20), E. Gramp Road (PVA Parcel #32-23), and Drapping Springs Road (PVA Parcel #32-22). Such variance would be subject to the Warren County Subdivision Regulations (Solar Production Farm) adopted on Monday, December 18th, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Georgia City Hall. Anyone with questions should contact the Planning Commission at (270) 639-0001.

A map or even a description of the solar project was never printed or offered to the community **AFTER** the approval by planning and zoning. The local paper printed an article on 12-27-2023 and used the words "proposed" and descriptive terms of "west-northwest part of Barren County."

SAR Report in response to Application Information XII, #29

The Glasgow Daily Times <classified@glasgowdailytimes.com>
Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2:57 PM
Kevin
Re: Public Notice Planning and Zoning

Subject:

Importance:

High

Your ad has been scheduled for 8/11/18.

Thanks,

Sherry Powell

Classifieds

classified@glasgowdailytimes.com

270-678-5171

On Aug 8, 2018, at 2:09 PM, Kevin wrote:

**PLEASE RUN THIS NOTICE IN SATURDAY'S PAPER
AUGUST 11TH, 2018.**

PUBLIC MEETING INPUT - TEXT AMENDMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Joint City-County Planning Commission will hold a Public Meeting for Monday, August 20th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Glasgow City Hall Building for Public Input to consider a Text Amendment to the Barren County Subdivision Regulations for Alternative Energy Regulations. Anyone with questions should contact the Planning Commission, 126 East Public Square, Glasgow, KY (270) 659-0661.