



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD**  
**ENVIRONMENT and LAND USE COMMITTEE Action Plan**  
**Summary of Action Taken at the April 10, 2025 Meeting**

Members Present: Aaron Esry, John Farney, Jennifer Locke, Emily Rodriguez, Jilmala Rogers, Chris Stohr and Eric Thorsland

Members Absent: None

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	6:30 p.m.
<b>II. Roll Call</b>	7 members present
<b>III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum</b>	Approved
<b>IV. Approval of Minutes</b> <b>A. March 6, 2025 – Regular Meeting</b>	Approved
<b>V. Public Input</b>	David Holly, John Crosby, Cindy Shepard, and Joyce Mast
<b>VI. Communications</b>	Mr. Esry – concerned that Donato Solar projects may be in operation without meeting all requirements Mr. Stohr – announced that the Champaign County CO2 Sequestration Task Force will meet Monday, April 21, 2025 from 4:00 – 5:30 in the Shields-Carter Meeting Room
<b>VII. <u>New Business: Items to be recommended to the County Board</u></b>	
<b>A. Zoning Case 144-S-24.</b> A request by Little Prairie Solar LLC, c/o BayWa r.e. Solar Projects LLC, 18575 Jamboree Road, Suite 850, Irvine CA 92612, via agent David Holly, Development Manager for BayWa r.e. Solar Projects LLC, and the participating landowners to authorize a Utility-Scale PV Solar Farm with a total nameplate capacity of 135 megawatts (MW), including access roads and wiring, and an accessory 135 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), on approximately 1,047 acres with a fenced solar farm area of approximately 768 acres in the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District in Sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 23 and 24 of Sidney Township, Township 18 North, Range 10 East of the 3rd Principal Meridian and including the following waivers of standard conditions:	RECOMMEND COUNTY BOARD APPROVAL of a resolution approving Zoning Case 144-S-24 a request by Little Prairie Solar LLC.

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Part A: A waiver for not entering into a Roadway Upgrade and Maintenance Agreement or waiver therefrom with the relevant local highway authority prior to consideration of the Special Use Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals, per Section 6.1.5 G.(1).

Part B: A waiver for locating the PV Solar Farm less than one and one-half miles from an incorporated municipality per Section 6.1.5 B.(2)a.

Part C: A waiver for a separation distance of 225 feet between the solar inverters and the perimeter fence in lieu of the minimum required 275 feet, per Section 6.1.5 D.(6)

**B. Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan for Zoning Case 144-S-24.** A request by Little Prairie Solar LLC, c/o BayWa r.e. Solar Projects LLC, 18575 Jamboree Road, Suite 850, Irvine CA 92612, via agent David Holly, Development Manager for BayWa r.e. Solar Projects LLC, and the participating landowners included in the legal advertisement to approve a Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan for the Utility-Scale PV Solar Farm in Zoning Case 144-S-24 with a total nameplate capacity of 135 megawatts (MW), including access roads and wiring, and an accessory 135 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 23 and 24 of Sidney Township, Township 18 North, Range 10 East of the 3rd Principal Meridian.

RECOMMEND COUNTY BOARD APPROVAL of a resolution approving the Decommissioning and Site Reclamation Plan for Zoning Case 144-S-24 Little Prairie Solar LLC.

**VIII. Other Business**

**A. Monthly Reports -None**

None

**IX. Chair's Report**

None

**X. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda**

No Items for Consent

**XI. Adjournment**

7:33 p.m.

*\*Denotes Inclusion on Consent Agenda*