

ALLE-CATT WIND ENERGY, LLC

WIND PROJECT

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

WCIDA Public Hearing for the Alle-Catt Wind Energy LLC request for IDA incentives was held October 3, 2024 at 3 p.m. at the Arcade Town Hall 7340 route 98 Arcade, New York 14009.

In attendance: Sean Perry, Alle-Catt Wind Energy, LLC; Douglas Berwanger, Town Supervisor, James Pierce, WCIDA Executive Director and Robin Marschlok, WCIDA Director of Operations.

1. James Pierce opened the hearing at 3:06 p.m. Pierce stated that this was a public hearing for Alle-Catt Wind Energy, LLC, (the “Project”), request for a modification to IDA incentives previously approved on September 10, 2020. The purpose of the public hearing was to gather public input on the proposed modification of incentives being offered to take back to the IDA Board for consideration at its meeting on October 10, 2024.
2. Pierce stated that the project was handled through the NYS Article 10 and was approved. The original number of wind turbine to be constructed in Wyoming County was 13, due to a change in location of proposed turbines, there will only be 10. The requested amendments will reduce the total Mega Watts (MW) for the project from 76 MW to 45 MW. Pierce reviewed a comparison chart included in the meeting packet showing the changes to the project. The capital costs for the project have increased from the original \$72,961,600 to more than double at \$162,736,171. The purpose also is to inform the public that the incentives offered are a deviation from our standard Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (“UTEP”). Pierce informed the public that the Project also required a public hearing because the amended incentives proposed are over the threshold of \$100,000. If approved Alle Catt Wind Energy LLC will receive approximately \$14,160,068 in real property tax abatement, \$1,988,373 in mortgage recording tax exemption and approximately \$1,314,633 in sales tax exemption. The purpose of the public hearing was to gather public input on the proposed modification of incentives being offered to take back to the IDA Board. All the local approvals are still in place.

Pierce then asked the guests if they would like to comment on the project.

3. D. Berwanger stated he would like to comment on the project. Mr. Berwanger introduced himself as the Town Supervisor, member of the Board of Supervisors and Vice-Chairman of the IDA. He commented on the project stating that it has been waiting a long time to move forward. Wyoming County is a leader in green

energy, having built the first wind turbines in Town of Eagle 25 years ago. The economic benefit to the Town from the Host Agreement will be substantial to help Town tax and create funds to continue upkeep on the Town Roads and the fleet of plow trucks. Any added help to take the burden off the tax payers is welcomed.

4. Sean Perry then commented and thanked the IDA. Perry stated that the project has been in development for a number of years. The project is expected to start by the end of this year with tree clearing, start building in the Spring, be completed by the end of 2026, and the first year of operation will be 2027.

Pierce asked if there were any further questions. With no other questions or comments, Pierce thanked all of the attendees for their input and closed the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Minutes prepared by R. Marschilok

The public Hearing was recorded live and can be view on Youtube.com at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4AL6YFUCaQ>