

**TOWN OF EAU PLEINE**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Town of Eau Pleine town board meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Landwehr at 7:37 pm on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at the Town of Eau Pleine Town Hall, 111630 Equity St, Stratford, WI 54484. The clerk verified Proper posting of Meeting Notice and Agenda.

**ATTENDANCE:** Mark Landwehr (hereinafter referred to as ML), Kurt Schwarze (hereinafter referred to as KS), Mark Radke (hereinafter referred to as MR), Shirley Hein, Deanna Landwehr, Kevin O'Brien, Ryan LaSee, Diane Friedemann, Richard Friedemann, Michael Mootz, Sandy Mootz, Ashley Landwehr, Jim Kurtweil, Gene Kautzer, Pat Kautzer, Ben Tanko, Ryan McMakin and Matthew

Town Chairman Mark Landwehr began the meeting by saying that since a majority of our town residents have made it clear that they would prefer not to have wind turbines in the Town of Eau Pleine, our goal of representing our electors and keeping out the wind farm remains the same. Although we made a motion at the last town board meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to uphold our Wind Energy Facilities Licensing Ordinance #2023-1, the town board has since spoken in closed session to the lawyer who has been retained by our insurance company to help us with this matter and he has advised us that repealing Ordinance #2023-1 and adopting a new one which is the same as the one that the Town of Brighton currently has would give us a much stronger case in the court system. Farmland First has also changed their position and is in agreement with this.

The town board fielded various questions from attendees.

**Motion/Second** by MR/KS to rescind, void and nullify the motion that was made on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at our regular monthly town board meeting to respond to the claim made by Marathon Wind Farm by saying that we stand by our Wind Energy Facilities Licensing Ordinance based on Wis Statutes 66.0401(1m)(a) exception clause for public health and safety. Motion carried.

**Motion/Second** by MR/KS to repeal, rescind, nullify and void our town ordinance #2023-1 Wind Energy Facilities Licensing Ordinance. Motion carried.

**Motion/Second** by KS/MR to adopt Ordinance #2024-1 Wind Energy Systems Licensing Ordinance to replace the previously repealed ordinance #2023-1. Motion carried.

**Motion/Second** by KS/MR to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

These minutes prepared by:

Deanna Landwehr, Town Clerk