

LEWIS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PUBLIC HEARING FOR USLE COPENHAGEN CR194 LLC

Thursday, August 18, 2022 @ 10:00AM

Town of Pinckney Municipal Offices  
State Route 177, Copenhagen, NY 13626

A public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law was held by the Lewis County Industrial Development Agency on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 10:00am. In furtherance of the provisions of Section 859-a of the Act requiring interested parties be provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views with respect to the project, the IDA provided public access to supply oral comments, at the time and date noted above, at the Town of Pinckney Municipal Offices.

PRESENT:       Cheyenne Steria, IDA Director of Finance & Incentives  
                  Brittany Davis, IDA Executive Director  
                  Aidan Zehr, IDA Intern  
                  Mike Birchenough, Town of Pinckney  
                  Sherry Harmych, Town of Pinckney  
                  Don Cooke, Town of Pinckney

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:02am by Cheyenne Steria, Director of Finance & Incentives. Ms. Steria provided an overview of the USLE Copenhagen CR194 LLC Solar Project, indicating that it is a 2.7 M/W project, on 27 acres on County Route 194. Given the information provided by the company and the LCIDA UTEP, the current PILOT rate is \$6,888/MW. Steria noted that if the company can show that the land has not been actively farmed in the past 18 months, the total PILOT per MW amount would decrease.

Don Cooke, Town of Pinckney Board had questions on the LCIDA fee and how the reductions to the PILOT amount work, given the soil types the project is located on. Steria noted that the IDA fee is 1% of the total project cost and that the fee is used over 25 years for staffing to administer the PILOT.

Mike Birchenough, Town of Pinckney Board, questioned how the disbursement of funds works with the IDA and taxing jurisdictions. Steria indicated that the company pays the full PILOT amount annually, then the IDA divides and disburses that amount based on each taxing jurisdictions tax rate. There was also discussion about the megawatt capacity, and if down the road they upgraded panels to increase capacity, would there be an increase in the PILOT. Steria noted that if that happens, the PILOT amount would be reevaluated.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

Steria closed the public hearing at 10:23am.