

**MENARD COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MENARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MENARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
102 S. 7TH STREET
PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS**

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Committee Members Present: Ed Whitcomb, Jr., Rodney Riech, Troy Cummings, Dalton Whitley, and Rich Brauer.

Staff Present: Special Assistant State’s Attorney Andrew Keyt, Zoning Administrator Joe Crowe, County Engineer Corey Dowd, and County Coordinator Dara Worthington.

I. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting opened at 11:AM on February 26, 2026.

II. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION OF ILLINOIS PV MENARD 1 LLC TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY APPROXIMATING 2.75 MEGAWATTS AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES LOCATED ON PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND IN MENARD COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Developer agreed to provide 120% of the decommissioning funds prior to receiving a building permit in lieu of landowners providing a memorandum of understanding.

Motion to approve the Findings of Fact made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Cummings. Roll call vote approved the Findings of Fact by 4 yays, 1 nays. Motion carries.

Motion to approve Chairman Whitcomb to contact the non-participating property owner to the south and facilitate a vegetative screening and management plan to stand in place of a Vegetative Management Plan to be approved by the full county board made by Commissioner Brauer, seconded by Commissioner Whitley. Roll call vote of 5 yays, 0 nays. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the Special Use Permit Application of Illinois PV Menard 1 LLC with conditions made by Commissioner Whitley, seconded by Commissioner Cummings. Voice vote to approve the Special Use Permit Application of Illinois PV Menard 1 LLC with conditions passed by a voice vote of 5 yays, 0 nays. Motion carries.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner. Whereupon roll call vote of 5 yays, 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned on February 26, 2026 at 11:22 AM.