

Whereas the Seneca Wind and Republic Wind utility-scale wind projects are accepted under the 2011 Alternative Energy Zone and they are moving forward under the Ohio Power Siting Board process, which is the state regulatory agency charged with approving and regulating utility wind development, and

Whereas the Ohio Legislative Service Commission, a non-partisan research agency of the Ohio House of Representatives has indicated that “relative to the day-to-day operation of an average coal-burning power plant in Ohio, wind farms represent a minimal public health threat with minimal environmental impacts,” and further states that they are “unable to find an article in a peer-reviewed journal that substantiated claims that wind turbines cause physiological harm,” and

Whereas our concerned citizens want us to address potentially serious drawbacks to wind development including the impact of karst zones, low-frequency sound, wildlife, aircraft navigation, flicker, ice throw, groundwater and the effect on schools, and

Whereas the Seneca County Board of Commissioners desires to support property owners in their right under Ohio Law, which we take an oath to support, to lease land for use in utility-scale wind farms, and

Whereas an inauguration of an energy sector in Seneca County offers an additional degree of diversity to the local economy. The projects also portend to offer significant new resources to schools, townships, the county, libraries and fire and EMS districts, and

Whereas the wind companies agree to be governed by a road use and maintenance agreement managed by the county engineer. The companies also agree to partner with local universities to fund educational activities and to train local fire and EMS personnel, and

Whereas township trustees across the county have asked the commissioners to rescind the Alternative Energy Zone, and

Whereas county commissioners in Ohio take an oath to support the laws of the state of Ohio and not undermine them,

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Commissioners of Seneca County hereby formally support our property owners in their right to participate in these projects and by extension support the projects,**

**Be it further resolved that the board formally requests that the Ohio Power Siting Board, the FAA, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, US Fish and Wildlife, the OEPA, ODOT, and all other relevant regulatory agencies diligently evaluate all matters related to ground and well water, karst zones, health and welfare, noise and flicker, as well as wildlife impact, specifically bats, raptors, and migratory birds.**

**Be it further resolved that new applications under the 2011 Alternative Energy Zone must be submitted to the proper authorities by June 30, 2019. At that time the Alternative Energy Zone will rescind to new applications, thus sunseting the Alternative Energy Zone program in Seneca County.**

**Be it further resolved although the Seneca Wind and Republic Wind projects are accepted under the 2011 AEZ agreement, if they must resubmit their application they would no longer be grandfathered under the agreement, based on a determination made by the Ohio Power Siting Board.**