



## DUPLIN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

224 Seminary Street, Kenansville, NC 28349

**Members Present:** ☒ Clint Blanton      ☐ Tasha Herring      ☒ Beth Smith  
☒ Thomasina Williams      ☐ Russ Brock

**Others Present:** Christopher Hatcher, Carson Wilde, Michael Forte, Tom Terrell, Johnny Williams

1. Chairwomen Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. A motion was made by Blanton and seconded by Williams, to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2024, Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The meeting was turned over to Hatcher for item number 1. Hatcher presented the Panther Branch solar energy facility request. The request was to create a +/- 782 acres solar energy facility in the area of 504 Emmett Jackson Road, Faison. Hatcher presented that the energy facility presented was approved by the planning board in August of 2022. The reason that the project was brought back was due to state statutes only approving development approvals for 1 year and the approval had expired. Hatcher presented the staff report to the board for along with the site plan commenting that the site plan presented was a reduction from the 2022 site plan. Hatcher recommend approval due to the site plan meeting or exceeding the standards of the UDO.

Carson Wilde, Michael Forte, and Tom Terrell representing Panther Branch LLC and the owners, were present and confirmed the request.

A motion was made by Blanton, seconded by Williams, to approve the Solar Energy Facility. Motion carried unanimously.

4. The meeting was turned over to Hatcher for item number 2. Hatcher presented a minor subdivision of land to create 1 lot on the corner of Williams Taylors Creek Road. The lot to be created totals 2.87 acres. Hatcher presented the staff report, recommend approval based on the division meeting or exceeding the standards of the UDO.

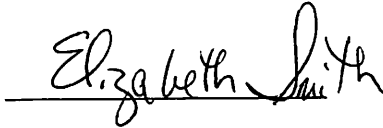
Johnny Williams, surveyor and agent, was present for any questions and confirmed the division.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Blanton, to approve the minor subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Hatcher presented item number 3 to the board and requested approval of the 2025 meeting dates.

A motion was made by Blanton, seconded by Williams, to approve the dates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. No other business was presented that required board action. A motion was made by Blanton, seconded by Williams, to adjourn until the February 11, 2025 meeting at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Smith, Chair