

## RESOLUTION

### Blue Ridge CUSD No. 18 Board of Education

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Board of Education has been monitoring developments pertaining to a proposed wind project in West and Bellflower Townships known as “Sapphire Sky Wind”;

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the benefits of the proposed Sapphire Sky Wind Project to McLean County;

WHEREAS, McLean County’s experience with other wind projects has been positive;

WHEREAS, Illinois is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the country for wind production and McLean County is the top wind energy producer in the state of Illinois;

WHEREAS, the development and existence of wind farms in McLean County not only contributes to the property tax base but also provides jobs to our citizens and ancillary support for local business opportunities;

WHEREAS, McLean County has collected over \$52,000,000 in property taxes from the existing wind farms in the County with an estimated benefit to McLean County schools of over \$34,000,000;


WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt this Resolution setting forth its support of the proposed Sapphire Sky Wind Project;

THEREFORE, the Board resolves as follows:

1. The Board acknowledges the economic benefit afforded to McLean County and Bellflower and West Townships regarding the 250 MW Project, given its minimum taxable investment in the County of \$90,000,000.
2. The Board indicates its support of the Project, given this significant investment, together with the other economic benefits that will accrue to McLean County, Blue Ridge CUSD No. 18 and the surrounding areas by hosting a wind project of this scale in the state of Illinois.
3. The Board indicates that the burden of educating the students of our district rests primarily with our property owners, and while the Evidence Based Funding Model is intended to share the burden between the local school district and the State, the majority of the burden lies with the school district and this stimulus to our tax base will benefit both our student body and the property owners in our school district.

4. By its signature below, the Board directs its Secretary to provide a copy of this Resolution to the McLean County Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Adopted this 31 day of March 2021.

Board President:  Board Secretary: 