



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, November 22, 2021
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Babyok called the November 22, 2021 regular meeting of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 5:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS - 6:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tommy J. Barlow	Mountain Road District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Fitzgerald A. Barnes	Patrick Henry District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Willie L. Gentry Jr.	Cuckoo District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Eric F. Purcell	Louisa County Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
R. T. Williams	Jackson District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Duane A. Adams	Mineral District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Robert F. Babyok	Green Springs District Supervisors	Present	5:00 PM

Others Present: Christian Goodwin, County Administrator; Helen Phillips, County Attorney; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; Wanda Colvin, Finance Director; Scott Reattig, Information Technology Manager; Griff Carmichael, Human Resources Director; Andy Wade, Economic Development Director; and Tom Egeland, Senior Planner.

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to enter Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. In accordance with §2.2-3711 (A) (1) VA Code Ann., for the purpose to discuss employment, assignment, and salaries of employees in Administration and General Services; and
2. In accordance with §2.2-3711 (A) (5) VA Code Ann., for the purpose to discuss a prospective business in the Mineral District where no previous announcements have been made of the business's interest in locating in the County.

REGULAR SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 5:56 p.m.

RESOLUTION - CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Voter	Role	Vote
Tommy J. Barlow	Voter	Yes/Aye
Fitzgerald A. Barnes	Voter	Yes/Aye

R.T. Williams, Jr.	Mover	Yes/Aye
Willie L. Gentry Jr.	Voter	Yes/Aye
Duane A. Adams	Seconder	Yes/Aye
Bob F. Babyok, Jr.	Voter	Yes/Aye
Eric F. Purcell	Voter	Yes/Aye

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting this 22nd day of November 2021, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with the Virginia Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 22nd day of November 2021, that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting was heard, discussed or considered by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors.

INVOCATION

Mr. Williams led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the November 22, 2021 agenda, as amended, with the following changes:

- Removed the 2022 Holiday Schedule from Consent Agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board of Supervisors (BOS) - Regular Meeting - Nov 1, 2021 5:00 PM

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL

Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the First Half of November 2021

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for the first half of November 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda items for November 22, 2021, as follows:

- Resolution – To Approve and Award a Contract for Chain Link Fence Construction for the Louisa County Animal Shelter Bark Park
- Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to Louisa County Public Schools for Federal Communications Commission with the Universal Service Administrative Company Grant Funding for MiFi and iPad Devices
- Resolution – To Approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule
- Resolution – To Approve and Award Motorola Radio System Maintenance Contract
- Resolution – Recognizing James Ogg for His Dedicated Service on the Louisa County Broadband Authority
- Resolution – Recognizing Mary Johnson for Her Dedicated Service on the Louisa County Broadband Authority
- Resolution – Authorizing Trevilians Volunteer Fire Department to Proceed with Fiscal Year 2022 Roof Repair Capital Project

RECOGNITIONS

(None)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Babyok opened the Public Comment Period. With no one wishing to speak, Mr. Babyok closed the Public Comment Period.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**Presentation – Update from Virginia Career Works - Piedmont Region**

Ms. Sarah Morton, Workforce Director for Virginia Career Works Piedmont Region, appeared before the Board and provided a PowerPoint presentation, which included: information on services and resources; career seeking training; and career pathway guides and benefits. Virginia Career Works is a gateway for individuals seeking access to career, education and support resources, as well as collaborations with outside agencies such as the Chamber of Commerce, Monticello Area Community Action Agency, and Louisa Career Technical Education. Ms. Morton briefly talked about the benefits of community collaborations and support received from contributing localities. She noted VCW continues to look for new innovations/initiatives through new funding resources such as GO Virginia grants, SNAP grant, and the Dislocated Worker grant along with locality support through support businesses and supportive services. Also, despite COVID restrictions, progression was made through virtual outreach and other job search assistance programs.

Discussion – Opportunity to Acquire Property at Parcel 41B 1 4

Mr. Goodwin stated the property in question is owned by Blue Ridge Bank and is located in the Industrial Air Park. He noted the Health Department has been operating out of mobile units for several years and the lease on the mobile units are expiring at the end of the year. He said the Health Department is interested in relocating in a more permanent space and there is the

opportunity for the County to acquire real property to accommodate expansion needs within County operations. Mr. Goodwin said they could take a look at operational changes that might enable the County to use that space and bring the Health Department back to a more permanent setting. He said he does not need a decision from the Board, he just wanted to see if the Board had any input to the discussion.

Back and forth discussion ensued regarding current space constraints and ideal locations for the Health Department.

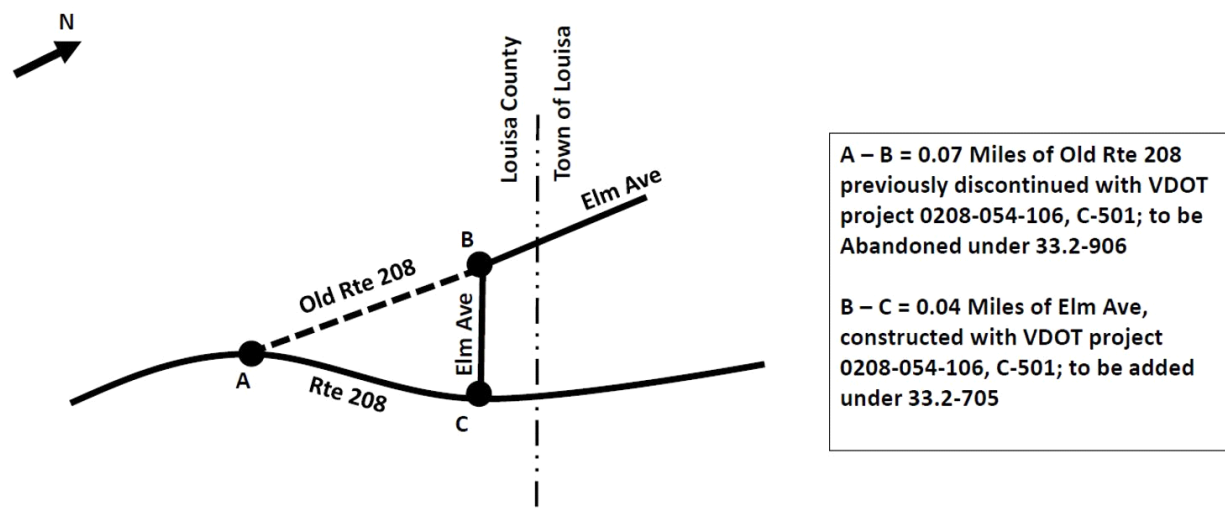
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Resolution – Abandoning Old Route 208 at Intersection of Elm Avenue

Mr. Alan Saunders, Louisa Residency Engineer for VDOT, explained pursuant to §33.2-906 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation has provided this Board with its notice of intent to abandon from the Primary System of State Highways Old Route 208, a total distance of 0.07 mile as shown on sketch below, and previously discontinued as a part of VDOT Project 0208-054-106, C-501. He noted certain segments of the road are ready to be accepted into the Secondary System of State Highways.



Route 208 Abandonment & Elm Ave Addition

N.T.S

Mr. Williams asked if portions of the residual parcel and abandoned roadbed would be given back to the respective land owners whose property abuts the old route.

Mr. Saunders said no. He explained once a road has been abandoned the residual parcel and roadbed are placed in a surplus status and then sold. He said the parcel and roadbed could be conveyed to the adjoining property owners, but must be sold at market value.

Mr. Williams asked if it was possible to directly sell the parcel and roadbed to the adjoining

landowners.

Mr. Saunders said the parcel and roadbed were initially purchased for the realignment of the Route 208 project so as a result it must go through a protocol that funnies through to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Questions and comments were addressed by the Board regarding old Route 208 and the abandonment process and how they will convey the residual parcel and old roadbed, which were answered by Mr. Saunders.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to support the Virginia Department of Transportation's action to abandon from the Primary System of State Highways Old Route 208 pursuant to §33.2-906 of the *Code of Virginia*, as this Board agrees that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the section of highway as a public highway. Additionally, the Board requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to add the segments identified on the incorporated Form AM 4.3 to the Secondary System of State Highways, pursuant to §33.2-705 of the *Code of Virginia*, for which segments this Board hereby guarantees the right of way to be clear and unrestricted, including any necessary easements for cuts, fills, and drainage, and

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement for New Bridge Fire & Rescue Station Capital Project

Mr. Goodwin explained the Louisa County Board of Supervisors approved the New Bridge Fire & Rescue Station Capital Project as part of the FY 2021 Budget process. He stated funding for the project to date includes \$800,000 from County funding and \$100,000 from the Foundation for Lake Anna Emergency Services for a total of \$900,000 available. He noted price increases due to inflation and other factors has increased the potential cost of the project by an estimated \$600,000. He said it is requested that an additional \$600,000 be appropriated in FY 22 budget to cover the additional costs in order to complete the project.

Mr. Goodwin further noted the entity that provided the initial quote was doing so under a GSA contract and that contract is no longer available to the County as the vehicle to proceed with the project. He said if the Board approves the budget supplement, the County will re-solicit additional bids. He said he anticipates that process to move forward pretty quickly, but quotes will need to be reestablished for the project.

Mr. Adams asked how long the RFP (Request for Proposals) will take.

Mr. Goodwin said he would anticipate a month.

Mr. Barlow said he wants to make sure the funds are not taking from the existing volunteer stations and will not affect future funding. He added the community has done a great job at raising \$100,000, but he hopes they understand it does not stop at that. He said the community will need to continue to raise money, as the other stations in the County do, to support their station and operations.

Mr. Adams stated the additional funding is coming from the Schools Capital Projects Assigned fund Balance and commended Superintendent Straley and the School Board for willing to take those excess funds and apply it to emergency services in the County. He also added he would

like echo Mr. Barlow's sentiments and noted the community plans to continue fundraising for the new station.

On the motion of Mr. Gentry, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to authorize a budget supplement of \$600,000 to the New Bridge Fire & Rescue Station Capital Project, GL # 30332000-483100-C3209). The Source of funding is Long Term School Capital Projects Assigned Fund Balance (0303-290049).

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REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Reports

Mr. Purcell reported on the Louisa County Water Authority.

Mr. Adams provided an update on the Utility Solar Development Committee. He noted the Committee has requested an extension to deliver a final report to the Board on December 20th.

Mr. Barlow reported on the Planning Commission and sign ordinance amendment updates.

Board Appointments

(None)

County Administrator's Report

Mr. Goodwin reported that there were several monthly reports and items of correspondence in the Board packet and reminded the Board of several upcoming events.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution – To Approve the Request for Issuance of a Conditional Use Permit - CUP2021-03: Aura Power Solar (USA), LLC

Mr. Purcell abstained from the discussion and action due to his personal involvement in the project.

Mr. Tom Egeland, Senior Planner, provided a brief overview of Conditional Use Permit - CUP2021-03; Aura Power Solar (USA), LLC. He explained this project is located near the Town of Mineral, VA and located in the Mineral voting district. The property is further identified as tax map parcel 43-4, and located east of Route 623 (Chopping Road), west of Route 522 (Zachary Taylor Highway), and north of CSX railroad line. Access is off SR 746 (Old County Road).

The project would operate for 35 to 50 years on 448.9 acres (445.83 land book records) that could produce up to 94 Megawatts of Alternating Current (MW AC). The Project's solar arrays and ancillary equipment will occupy about 200 acres. The remaining 248.9 acres will be used for setbacks, vegetative buffers, pollinator plantings, creeks, streams, wetland protection areas, erosion and sediment control measures, stormwater management, roads, and construction staging areas. The proposed solar facility's lifespan is 35 to 50 years, and at the end of such time the

project owner shall remove all improvements and the land use will revert to farmland or timber, supporting the 2040 Plan's guiding principle of preserving the County's rural character; and

Staff recommended approval of this Conditional Use Permit for the Mine & Hemmer Project, developed by Aura Power Development (USA), LLC any successors, assignees, current, or future lessee, sub-lessee, owner, or operator.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 14, 2021 and on the motion of Mr. Disosway and seconded by Mr. Goodwin, which carried a vote of 7-0, voting members of the Commission agreed that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice compels it to make the recommendation of approval to the Board of Supervisors for both the Conditional Use Permit and the Virginia Code 15.2-2232 review, with 31 conditions as follows.

1. The applicant is proposing a Solar Generation Facility, Utility Scale project having a combined acreage of approximately 448.9 acres on TMP 43-4 that could produce up to 94 Megawatts of Alternating Current (MW AC). The Project's solar arrays, roads, fence, staging areas, buffers, and ancillary equipment will utilize about 224 acres, while the setbacks, vegetative buffers, pollinator garden, stormwater management, and natural resources protection will occupy about 224.9 acres as shown on **Exhibits O through Q dated September 22, 2021 and Exhibit R & S dated September 23, 2021.**
2. The Mine & Hemmer Solar energy facility is a Solar Generation Facility, Utility Scale, as defined in the Louisa County Land Development Regulations. It will consist of an integrated power generation facility and solar modules on up to 224 acres as identified in **Exhibit O through Q dated September 22, 2021 and Exhibits R & S dated September 23, 2021.**
3. This CUP is for up to a 94 MW AC solar photovoltaic (PV) solar facility constructed, owned, operated, and developed by Aura Power Development (USA), LLC., any successors, assignees, current or future lessee, sub-lessee, owner, or operator, and designed for a life of 35 to 50 years from the date of commencement of operations. This conditional use permit may not be phased or extended beyond 50 years from the commencement of operations without further approval from the Louisa County Board of Supervisors.
4. Site Plan Requirements. Location of the solar panels and other structures shall be generally consistent with the **Exhibits O through Q dated September 22, 2021 and Exhibits R & S dated September 23, 2021.** The Applicant or project owner shall provide the following plans for site plan review and approval for the Solar Generation Facility, Utility Scale (the "Project"). The applicant will provide a certified plat of the Project. In addition to all state and local site plan requirements, such plans shall include, at a minimum, those items listed below.

a. *Construction Traffic Management and Mitigation Plan*

The Applicant or Project Owner shall prepare and submit such a plan to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the County of Louisa for review and approval. The Plan shall address traffic control measures, a pre- and post-construction

road evaluation, and any necessary repairs to the public or private roads which are necessary due to damage from the Project. If a traffic issue arises during the construction of the Project, the applicant or project owner shall develop a resolution, with input from the VDOT and the County, and complete appropriate measures to mitigate the issue.

The Applicant or Project Owner shall perform general maintenance during construction. All final repairs shall take place within 30 days post-construction to bring roads to a minimum of the pre-construction condition. A video of the existing road conditions must be provided to VDOT prior to the start of any construction. VDOT will provide a map detailing the roads that need to be videoed. Pursuant to VDOT's email **EXHIBIT M and Applicant Exhibit M1.1**,

b. *Construction Traffic Control Plan*

- 1) Traffic control methods, including, if applicable, lane closures, flagging procedures, directional and informational signage, and designated access points for deliveries and employee access.
- 2) Designated delivery and parking areas.
- 3) Designated routes for deliveries of equipment and materials on secondary roads to the property.
- 4) Plans to direct employee traffic and delivery traffic to specific roadways to access the property to minimize conflicts with local traffic patterns.

c. *Construction Mitigation Plan*

- 1) Dust control and mitigation, using water trucks, mulch, or similar methods.
- 2) Smoke and burn mitigation and limits, such as containment or similar methods.
- 3) Noise mitigation, such as the enforcement of hours of operation.
- 4) Measures necessary to prevent deposits of soil and mud onto adjacent roads from construction-related traffic.
- 5) Daily road monitoring and policing along Old County Road SR 746 and Davis Highway Route 22 shall occur including the cleaning of roadways of soil and mud tracked onto these roads from construction-related traffic.
- 6) All waste water (both black water and grey water) must be removal from the Project site and disposed in accordance with County Rules and the Virginia Department of Health.
- 7) The applicant will use central/public water and sewer service if feasible.

d. *Traffic Safety Requirements*

- 1) The Project owner will enforce all contractors to drive no more than 35 miles per hour within at least a one mile radius of the Project area.
- 2) The Project owner will ask the Board of Supervisors to request that VDOT reduce the speed limit to 35 miles per hour on roads around the project area, during construction. The project will be allowed to receive site plan and building permit approval without a VDOT approved reduction in speed.
- 3) The applicant is aware the Project is in close proximity to the Town of Mineral and the Town of Louisa as well as the Schools and Railroads. Therefore, construction traffic will be scheduled to avoid morning and afternoon peak traffic

periods, particularly the times around school bus arrival and departure. The applicant will work with the town and county governments ahead of high traffic events. The applicant will coordinate with the railroad as necessary.

5. Fencing. The Applicant or Project Owner shall install a chain-link security fence surrounding the Project. The fence shall be a minimum height of a six (6) feet high and topped with a one (1) foot tall anti-climbing device. Installation of such fencing shall be outside the exterior of any solar panels and related equipment and on the interior of the required setbacks/buffers addressed in the following conditions #10 and #11. The Project will be designed, constructed and tested to meet relevant local, state, and federal standards as applicable.
6. Lighting. The project shall not have exterior lighting, except for safety and security, which shall face downward. Such safety and security lighting shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height and shall be Dark Sky compliant.
7. Noise. Noise generated from construction of solar energy facilities shall comply with the Louisa County Code, Chapter 51 Noise Ordinance.
8. Construction and Deconstruction Hours. All site work (including equipment warm up) shall be limited to Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. only. All decommissioning work will follow the same days and hours above.
9. Solar Panels. All solar panels will use anti-reflective technology.
10. Existing vegetation. The Applicant shall establish and/or maintain all vegetative areas illustrated and noted on the preliminary site plan labeled **Site and Surrounding Land Exhibit O** and preliminary site plan labeled **Vegetative Buffer Exhibit Q**, both dated September 22, 2021. Removal of this vegetation requires prior approval from the Zoning Administrator. Criteria for removal shall only involve trees threatening the Project, the property, or neighboring property, or when trees grow to a height of greater than thirty five (35) feet and impacts the Project's energy output. A similar type tree having a minimum 2 inch diameter at breast height, or DBH, shall replace each tree removed at the same location. This replacement requirement shall also apply in the case existing trees dies or becomes diseased and there is a resulting gap in the visual buffer.
11. Buffers and Supplemental Plantings. The Applicant is proposing a buffer configuration as depicted on the preliminary site plan labeled **Site and Surrounding Land Exhibit O** and preliminary site plan labeled **Vegetative Buffer Exhibit Q**, both dated September 22, 2021. The site plan legend shows:

The perimeter of the site will be surrounded by vegetative buffer at least 200 feet wide, to screen the facility from surrounding properties. The vegetative buffer will consist of the following starting at the property line:

- From the property line towards the shade/grass buffer will be a 100 foot minimum visual screen of Virginia's Best Loblolly Pine trees, planted at a density of 542 trees per acre. At the time of application (August 2021) the trees on site are approximately 1 year old saplings. If approved, the earliest that construction on this project would start is spring of 2023, at which time the trees will be approximately 3 years old. Once the trees reach 3

years of age, Virginia's Best Loblolly Pines grow at a rate of 3 to 4 feet per year, providing effective visual screening for the facility. Areas of the 100 foot wide loblolly pine tree buffer may be wider due to site topography, streams, and wetlands in certain areas of the Project. The forested buffer will be maintained throughout the life of the Project.

- From the edge of the 100 foot loblolly pine buffer towards the perimeter fence will be a 100 foot wide meadow buffer planted with a mix of Virginia native grasses, wildflowers, and pollinators, planted in accordance with the Virginia Pollinator Smart Program "(VSMP)" best management practice. The meadow buffer ensures that the forest buffer does not cast shade on the solar panels, which would reduce the amount of electricity generated. It also acts as an important habitat for pollinator and other native wildlife, promoting biodiversity on site and supporting healthy local ecosystems.

The meadow buffer will be maintained throughout the life of the project. Within these buffers the applicant is committing to not removing vegetation unless it causes safety issues or a decrease in energy creation and is approved first by the Zoning Administrator. The area around and under the solar panels will be planted with non-invasive native grasses or pollinators.

12. Facility Abandonment. If the solar energy facility becomes inactive, completely or substantially discontinuing the delivery of electricity to an electrical grid for a continuous 365 day period, the Zoning Administrator, may deem the facility abandoned. The County shall notify the Applicant or current Project Owner in writing to begin ("Decommissioning") the Project within six (6) months of receipt of such notice. If Decommissioning of the facility does not occur within the specified time after notice, the County may remove or cause removal of the solar energy facility with costs borne by the Project Owner. Unless otherwise not allowed by local, state, or federal law, the costs of decommissioning require an adequate amount of surety in a form agreed to by the County Attorney.

Such surety may include a letter of credit, cash, or a bond, or guarantee by an investment grade entity, posted within 30 days of the Project receiving its occupancy permit or equivalent from the County. A third party engineer approved by the County and hired by the Applicant will determine an initial surety amount approved by the County prior to site plan approval. Updates of the surety cost estimates shall occur every five (5) years by a third party engineer approved by the County and hired by the Applicant and be provided to the County. At its option, the County may require the additional surety amounts based on the updated net costs of Decommissioning. The applicant shall provide a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment report to the County when the Decommissioning work is completed.

13. Louisa County Staff Training. Upon request, but not more than once per year, the applicant or project owner shall provide materials, education, and/or training, in coordination with the County's Emergency Services staff, to the departments serving the solar energy project in regard to safely responding to on-site emergencies.
14. Road Access Ways. All accesses to the Project will be from existing public roads via fee simple and Right-of-way access with no obligation to the Virginia Department of Transportation or the County of Louisa for construction, maintenance or access. VDOT will be responsible for reviewing and approving each access. The applicant or project owner shall provide identification signs for all approved access points to the Project.
15. Cemetery Protection and Access. The applicant shall keep all construction activity and material stockpiling at least 100 feet away from any private cemetery that may be found

within the limits of the Project, and provide an access way for persons visiting the cemetery subject to County review and approval.

16. Heights. No aspect of a solar facility shall exceed 12 feet in height, as measured from grade to its highest point. Such height restriction shall not apply to electrical distribution and transmission lines, or the poles and structures that support them. Within the Project area electrical lines will be below panel height except for when crossing creeks, wetlands, public rights-of-way, or Dark-Skylighting equipment used during construction and the main line to the point of interconnection.
17. Agency Approvals. Agency approvals. The Project's design, construction and testing shall meet relevant local, state and federal standards as applicable.
 - a. All active solar systems shall meet the requirements of the National Electrical Code (NEC), National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Underwriters Laboratories (UL), or International Electro technical Commission (IEC), as applicable and state building code shall be inspected by a county building inspector through the building permit process.
 - b. Approval of Erosion and Sediment Control plan with a surety bond posted with Louisa County is necessary prior to commencing any land disturbance activity.
 - c. The site shall fully comply with all applicable provisions of the Louisa County Land Development Regulations, to the extent not modified herein, throughout the life of this Conditional Use Permit.
18. Building Permit Deadlines. Building permits must be obtained within five (5) years from the date of approval for this Conditional Use Permit and the generation of solar electricity shall reach a maximum phase of 94 MW AC within three (3) years from issuance of the building permit, or this Conditional Use Permit shall become null and void.
19. Decommissioning. Decommissioning is complete when all real and personal property related to the Project is removed from the Property and the Property is made ready for agricultural or forestall use (as defined in the Louisa County Ordinance). This process must begin within twelve (12) months after the Project site is permanently decommissioned. As used herein "deconstructed and removed" shall mean the following:
 - a. Removal from the surface of the Property, any Project facilities and appurtenances installed or constructed thereupon, including permanent foundations, which break off three feet or more below the ground, during the course of deconstruction. Structural members that break off three feet or more underground shall be abandoned in place,
 - b. Filling in and compacting of all trenches or other borings or excavations made in association with the Project,
 - c. Removing of all debris caused by the Project from the surface of the Property,
 - d. Performing and providing the County a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment report detailing compliance with all of the Conditional Use Permit requirements required for decommissioning.

The project owner or operator shall provide to the Zoning Administrator a report detailing

compliance with all Conditional Use Permit requirements required for Decommissioning. County staff will review the provided decommissioning report for approval or denial. If denied, a list of corrective actions will be provided to the project owner or operator. Failure to perform these corrective actions will result in the County performing, or causing to be performed. Cost for such actions will be levied against the Project Owner and/or the surety. At the completion of decommissioning the properties will be made ready for agricultural or forestal use, preserving and protecting Louisa County's rural and agricultural character.

20. Soil Stabilization. The Project shall be developed in phases to ensure proper soil stabilization. Phase I will consist of construction of an entrance and laydown area to support the commencement of construction of the Project. **Exhibit P**

Phase II will require construction teams to be split into two crews. Crew one will construct and install erosion and sediment control and stormwater devices and features to full operation prior to the crew two conducting any land disturbance and general construction.

Logging activity which does not include removing stumps is permitted at any time during the project. All seeded areas should be mulched or blanketed to minimize the potential for failure to establish an adequate vegetative cover. Mulching may also be used as a temporary stabilization of some disturbed areas in non-germinating seasons.

The final stabilization of each disturbed phase will be reviewed and approved by the Zoning Administrator. Once a phase has been stabilized and approved by the Zoning Administrator another phase of the project may begin land disturbance activities.

An updated site sketch will be provided by the project engineer to the Zoning Administrator every three months, or upon request, until the project is fully stabilized. The site sketch will clearly detail the areas currently disturbed, areas temporarily stabilized, and areas fully stabilized, and areas not under construction.

All disturbed areas shall immediately receive temporary or permanent seeding according to the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Hand Book. The site plan shall show a note for use of native Virginia grasses and plants. Vegetation types classified by VADEQ or DCR as invasive are Prohibited.

21. Stormwater Improvements. All approved stormwater improvements require inspections and approvals by either Virginia Department of Environmental Quality staff, or a qualified professional engineer, licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, before commencing any other site work. Evidence of such inspections shall go to Louisa County staff for review.
22. On-Site SWM & ESC Manager. The applicant will provide an individual responsible for performing daily inspections of stormwater and erosion and sediment control practices and devices installed throughout construction. This individual will provide the County a weekly status report on the Project and any issues while coordinating with the County Erosion and Sediment Control inspector, Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Virginia Department of Environment Quality, as necessary, to resolve any stormwater and erosion and sediment control issues that occur on site.

23. Pollinators. The applicant shall establish and maintain a minimum of ten (10) percent of the projects site as pollinator-friendly habitat in accordance with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Virginia Pollinator Smart Program's Best Management Practices and Comprehensive Manual. The planting of pollinator vegetation will occur after construction of the solar panels is complete and the project is ready for final site stabilization along with any requirements listed in the Land Development Regulations Chapter 86 sec. 86-632 - Performance standards for minor and utility-scale solar generation facilities.
24. Site Plan Approval. Submission and approval of a site plan in accordance with the conditions of this Conditional Use Permit and the Louisa County Land Development Regulations prior to issuance of any building permits or pre-construction meeting.
25. Binding. This Conditional Use Permit (CUP) shall be binding on Aura Power Development (USA), LLC. developed by Aura Power Development (USA), LLC, and any successors, assignees, current or future lessee, sub-lessee, owner, or operator, of the solar energy Project.
26. Project Liaison. The Operator shall designate at least one public liaison, publicize a toll-free phone number and email address for communication with the liaison during construction, and post it on a temporary sign at each access. This information shall appear on the Operator's website and Louisa County will also place it on the County's website and other social media. The liaison shall act as a point of contact between citizens and construction crews. The liaison shall be available in person and by phone during active construction hours and shall respond to any questions related to the Facility or Property within 24 hours. The liaison role shall commence at the initial pre-construction meeting. The public liaison shall prepare a monthly report detailing any complaints, complaint date, resolution, and resolution date of any inquires. The report shall go to the Zoning Administrator on the first business day of each month throughout the construction period and an additional six (6) months following issuance of the final occupancy permit or equivalent from the County for the Facility.
27. Pile driving notice. The project owner or operator will notify the Louisa County Zoning Administrator and adjacent property owners 7 days prior to the start of any pile driving activity.
28. Waste Disposal. Any solids or hazardous waste carried onto the site during construction or, operation or decommissioning will be contained and managed in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. Such materials include but not limited to materials used for the proper functioning of the plant and machinery, hydraulic oil, diesel, petroleum, grease, solvents, lubricants, paints, adhesives, and other oil-based products). The Applicant will also take all steps required to prevent the littering or contamination of the Project site or adjacent properties with such materials.
29. Voluntary Conditions
Financial Contribution by Applicant. Pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2288.8, and Sec. 86-632. of the Louisa County Development Standards, the County may accept substantial cash payments for the construction of substantial public improvements, the need for which is not generated solely by the granting of a conditional use permit, so long as such

conditions are reasonably related to the project. Applicant agrees to make the payments listed below to assist in the deployment of broadband throughout the County and any other broadband project in the current or future County Capital Improvement Plan:

- A. Up Front Payment. Once Construction begins, the Project Aura Power Development (USA), LLC any successors, assignees, current, or future lessee, sub-lessee, owner, or operator will make a one-time payment to the County in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars for Louisa County Broadband Deployment (\$25,000.00)
- B. Annual Payment. **This is still under County Review**

Voluntary Conditions Continued (Non-Monetary)

- C. Not more than 50 percent of the 448.9-acre Mine & Hemmer / Aura Power Development (USA), LLC Project will contain solar panels inverters, other generating equipment, roads, and fencing. The remaining 50 percent of the property will be tree buffers; pollinator garden/buffers and shade buffer; all erosion and sediment control features, including sediment basins, diversion ditches and silt fences; undisturbed wetlands; undisturbed trees and underbrush; undisturbed creeks and streams, and natural vegetation and buffers."
- D. There will be no damage to surrounding wells from this Project, but, in the event there are any such damages, Aura Power Development (USA), LLC will repair it promptly.
- E. There will be no less than 10 percent of the Project devoted to pollinator friendly habitat acres as shown on **Exhibit O (Site and Surrounding Land)**.
- F. The gravel surfaced portion of State Route 746 (Old County Road) shall be improved and asphalt paved within the existing 30-foot right of way at the time of construction.
- G. The staging area during construction will be located on the northwest side of the Mine & Hemmer Property, as shown on the attached **Exhibit P (Proposed Construction Zones)**.
- H. The construction will be done in phases (or no more than 100 acres per phase) as part of the erosion and sediment control measures for the Project **Exhibit P (Proposed Construction Zones)**.
- 30. Site inspection. The Louisa County Board of Supervisors or their designated representative reserves the right to inspect the site at any reasonable time with or without advance notice.
- 31. Violations. Violations of any condition of this permit shall be grounds for revocation of the Conditional Use Permit. The Louisa County Board of Supervisors may choose to hear any violations of the conditions of the permit affording the applicant due process during a public hearing.

Mr. Charles Purcell, Agent - Purcell & Purcell, appeared before the Board to provide an overview of the project. He provided further details on the project developer; buffer requirements; erosion and sediment control measures; and traffic impacts.

Mr. Adams requested the following amendment be made to the list of conditions:

Remove Condition 29 B

Replace Condition 29 F with the following:

During construction of this solar project, Aura Power Development (USA), LLC or its successors and assigns will use and maintain the portion of Route 746 (Old County Road) beyond state maintenance to the Mine & Hemmer Property as good or better than it currently exist. After construction is complete, Aura Power Development (USA), LLC, or its successors and assigns, will resurface this section of Old County Road with stone and will install a gate with signage just past the Ms. Barbara Perkin's driveway to her residence. The gate and signage is to keep unauthorized people from using the road. Nothing contained herein will be construed as a waiver of the right of Mine & Hemmer LC to use and or improve its entire right-of-way should this be necessary for any proposes at any time in the future.

Add to Condition 20

Add to the end of the second paragraph:

Sediment control features may be installed on a phase by phase basis or on more than one phase at a time. All sediment control features on a particular phase must be approved by the County before any land disturbance or construction activities may begin on that phase.

Replace fourth paragraph with the following:

Stabilization of each disturbed phase will be reviewed and approved by the County Engineer or Zoning Administrator. Once a phase has been stabilized and approved by the County Engineer or Zoning Administrator, another section (phase) of the project may begin land disturbance activities. Stabilization means the replacement of top soil and seeding with native grasses and a cover crop, if necessary, depending on the prevailing weather conditions and time of year. If any problem with stabilization occurs after it has been approved by the County and before construction is complete, the applicant will repair it promptly.

Add to Condition 22

The applicant further agrees that the County may hire an independent engineer (the "County Engineer") of its choice to check on the progress of the project on a weekly basis to ensure the job is being built according to the Conditional Use Permit. If the County obtains (3) bids, the cost of hiring the County Engineer will be paid by the applicant.

In the event there is any problem with construction as determined by the County Engineer, then the County Engineer and the applicant will meet and try to resolve the problem. If a mutually agreeable solution cannot be achieved, then the County or the applicant may halt construction and make an appeal to the Board of Supervisors at the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

In addition, at the time the building permit is issued, the applicant will post a \$500,000 bond to ensure compliance with the Conditional Use Permit. This bond can be released (i) within six months of completion of the initial construction of the project, or (ii) upon certification by the County Engineer or Zoning Administrator that the Project has been completed and built in

compliance with the Conditional Use Permit; whichever occurs sooner.

Mr. Purcell said he agrees to the recommended changes.

Mr. Williams requested they add “of the initial construction” since the project will be ongoing.

Mr. Barnes said he would like for the applicant to know the proposed changes are not all meant specifically for this project, they are recommendations that will most likely apply to all future solar development projects.

Mr. Purcell said they understand and they have no problem complying with the proposed changes.

Questions and comments were addressed by the Board regarding the proposed acreage of development; megawatt usage; and timeline of the project, which was answered by Mr. Purcell.

Mr. Adams said Mine and Hemmer is a 94 megawatt project and is considered separate from the Fisher Chewing project at 150 megawatts, but the projects are on the same parcel. He noted the state has developed a threshold for tax purposes on solar projects over 150 megawatts. He said it raises concern that the outline of each project was intentionally created to be below the tax threshold.

Ms. Frances Boreham, Aura Power, explained they were not aware of the tax threshold until recently. She noted that PGM would simply not allow them to combine the projects or increase the megawatts, without losing their space in the queue for approval which could ultimately kill the project entirely. Ms. Boreham stated the split of the two projects occurred in 2019 when they originally applied to PGM. She stated they commissioned engineers to conduct a grid study to understand the transmission system in the State of Virginia. She added subsequently they received further information that there was more capacity on the line so they added an additional 150 megawatts. She stated they arrived at the 150 megawatts based on the DEQ permit structure on the balance of what they thought could fit sensibly on the property. She said it wasn't until early 2021, they commissioned the necessary in depth environmental studies on the Fischer Chewing property and during those studies there were more wetlands therefore additional erosion and sediment control measures were needed. She said the original intent was to get everything on the Fischer Chewing site, however, the environmental concerns meant it wasn't the sensible way to develop the project. She noted it was at that point that Mine and Hemmer at 94 megawatts was discussed and decided it would be a good fit for the overall project.

Mr. Barnes noted the project has to be judged by its own merits and the merit is very clear therefore the Board must move forward.

Mr. Babyok asked if there was the possibility they could add more panels to enhance the size of the project due to the generous amount of buffering the applicant has proposed.

Mr. Purcell stated PGM has already granted a permit for the amount specified. He said they can go under the proposed megawatt usage by 10%, but they cannot increase the megawatts.

Mr. Williams asked for the application date made with PGM.

Ms. Boreham replied, November of 2019.

Mr. Babyok opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Doug Whitlock, Mineral District, spoke in favor of the proposed project.

Ms. Susan Butler Warren, Mineral District, spoke in favor of the proposed project.

Mr. Richard Talley, Mineral District, spoke in favor of the proposed project.

Ms. Becky Cavanaugh, Mineral District, spoke in support of the proposed project.

Mr. Ronnie Laws, Mineral District, spoke in favor of the proposed project.

Mr. Bill Whit, Cuckoo District, spoke in support of proper planning on future solar development projects.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mr. Babyok closed the public comment period and brought it back to the Board for discussion.

Mr. Adams asked they would be willing to amend their application and increase the Fischer Chewning project to 151 mw.

Ms. Boreham said PGM would simply not allow them to increase the mw, without losing their space in the que. She said she wished PGM had more flexibility.

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0-1, Mr. Purcell abstaining, the Board hereby approves Aura Power Solar (USA), LLC Conditional Use Permit 2021-03, with the above referenced thirty-one (31) conditions and the following modifications:

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The Board took a recess at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

Resolution – Authorizing a through Truck Traffic Restriction on Chopping Road (Route 623) and Davis Highway (VA Route 22-208)

Mr. Alan Saunders, Louisa Residency Engineer for VDOT, appeared before the Board to go over the proposed Through Truck Traffic Restriction on Chopping Road (Route 623) and Davis Highway (VA Route 22-208). He explained in accordance with section 46.2-809 of the Code of Virginia, through trucks can be restricted on certain primary and secondary routes in the limited number of cases where doing so will promote the health, safety and welfare of the public without creating an undue hardship on any transportation users. He stated such restriction may apply to any truck or truck and trailer or semitrailer combination, except a pickup or panel truck that has no point of origin or destination along the subject route. He noted the restriction of through truck, truck and trailer, or semi-trailer combination from using Chopping Road (Route 623) and Davis Highway (VA Route 22-208) from E. 1st Street in the Town of Mineral (US Route 522) to School Bus Road (Route 767). He said the recommended alternate route is Mineral Ave/Pendleton Road (US Route 522) and Jefferson Highway (US Route 33). The proposed alternate route is approximately 15.0 miles. He added Louisa County must commit to use its offices for enforcement of the restriction by the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Mr. Adams said he does not want to take someone else's problem and turn it into someone's problem. He noted there are ongoing issues with speed on Route 623 (Chopping Road). He said the Sheriff's Office recently placed a speed monitor on the road and in a five (5) day period, 19,800 trips were made and 2.2 % (435 drivers/87 vehicles a day) were recorded going over 65 miles per hour. He said the recommended alternate route through Mineral Ave. also raises concerns and discussed the possibility of those trucks taking Route 605 (Shannon Hill Road) as a straight stretch to the interstate. He said that if they are going to consider a restriction on Route 623 (Chopping Road), he would like to add Route 605 (Shannon Hill Road) as a restricted route as well.

Mr. Saunders said Route 605 (Shannon Hill Road) was not advertised as a restricted through truck traffic route so the County would need to update the public notice providing an alternate route for that alignment.

Mr. Babyok opened the public hearing.

Mr. Edward Kube, Mineral District and Mineral Town Council, appeared before the Board to request further consideration on Mineral Ave. as the designated alternate route. He expressed concerns with additional through truck traffic coming through the Town of Mineral and the negative impacts it could have on existing businesses, structures, and railways at that intersection. He also mentioned the members of the Mineral Town Council were not made apprised of the proposed alternate route and they would like the opportunity to review the data and provide input on the proposed alternate route.

Mr. David Rogers, Mineral District, expressed his concerns with the dangers of through truck traffic on Chopping Road and provided real life traffic situations that have occurred throughout the years.

Ms. Pam Harlowe, Mineral District, Mayor of Town of Mineral, stated that since part of the alternate route is being directed through the Town of Mineral, the Mineral Town Council did not receive any information on the proposed alternate route. She provided instances where through truck traffic has had difficulty maneuvering through the Town and requested the Town be provided the opportunity to review the data provide input.

Mr. Danielle Sikes, Mineral District, stated as an owner of a local trucking company (Barton & Boyd) she has concerns with the proposed restriction on Chopping Road as it will greatly affect their daily routes and deliveries. She said she sympathizes with the residents who live on Chopping Road, however, the traffic related incidents are not limited to just trucks, it also includes cars and regular motor vehicles.

Mr. Goodwin read the following communications that were submitted to County staff and members on the Board:

Mr. Lloyd and Ms. Lynn Runnett, Mineral District, see Appendix A.

Mr. Jenkins, VA Loggers Association, see Appendix A.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mr. Babyok closed the public hearing and brought it back to the Board for discussion.

Mr. Williams said he is sensitive to the concerns expressed by Mr. Sikes on the impact the alternate route could have on her trucking company. He noted Barton & Boyd primarily uses dump trucks and tandem axle dump trucks and asked if the restriction would apply to those type of vehicles or what type of trucks are exempt from the restriction.

Mr. Saunders said it is his understanding the restriction would not apply to dump trucks or tandem axle dump trucks, but he would have to follow up and confirm whether or not that is the case.

Mr. Adams said he is concerned with through tractor trailer traffic using Chopping Road as an access to their destination. He said he has no concerns with local businesses, farmers, and loggers using that road because he knows they are not the ones creating the hazard. He recommended the Board look at alternative routes and restricted roadways to mitigate the traffic concerns, without disenfranchising local businesses, and suggested the Town of Mineral be involved in this process as well.

Mr. Gentry requested that VDOT look into the through truck maneuver plan at the intersection in the Town of Mineral that was developed 30+ years ago and reevaluate the proposal to help resolve the issues in the Town.

Mr. Babyok asked if there is any long range planning that could be instituted to drastically improve traffic on Chopping Road, verses directing one bad decision in one area to another.

Mr. Saunders stated there is not much funding at the County level within the Secondary Six-Year Plan to accommodate that type of planning, however, low cost counter measures along Route 623 (Chopping Road) that could improve safety, in addition to enhanced enforcement of the current speed limit, could enhance road improvements. He said they could create a project in the Secondary Six-Year Plan by leveraging telafee funds that are not allocated to hard surfacing gravel roads and target Route 623 for spot improvements.

Mr. Adams said he feels those improvements would not address the through truck traffic concerns on that road. Mr. Adams asked if VDOT would be willing to develop a working group with the Board and the Town of Mineral to address these concerns.

Mr. Saunders said he would be more than willing to make those accommodations.

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Barlow, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board table the public hearing. They formed a working group, to include the Town of Mineral, to discuss the best suitable route for Through Truck Traffic

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adjourn the November 22, 2021 special called meeting at 8:36 p.m.

BY ORDER OF:
ROBERT F. BABYOK, JR., CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

APPENDIX A

Alexandra Stanley

Subject: FW: Chopping Road truck traffic

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lloyd Runnett <lloydrunnett@gmail.com>
Date: November 22, 2021 at 9:50:40 AM EST
To: Duane Adams <lcbs_md@louisa.org>, Lynne Runnett <runnetlw@lcps.k12.va.us>, Bailey Louis Runnett <Baileyrunnett@gmail.com>, Robert Runnett <robrunnett@gmail.com>
Subject: Chopping Road truck traffic

CAUTION: External email

Mr. Adams,

Thank you for your continued efforts to remove large truck traffic from Chopping Road. MY wife and I have been blessed to live and raise our family in The Chopping for well over 30 years. When we built our home, The Chopping was a peaceful village, receiving little and primarily local traffic. Rarely did a tractor-trailer pass through.

With the implementation of digital mapping programs in recent years, Chopping Road has become the "Bypass" for the Virginia Department of Transportation designated truck route through the Town of Mineral for vehicles going West.

By VDOT standards, Chopping Road is a secondary road not designed for this traffic. The current traffic situation, large trucks, and otherwise can only be described as dangerous. Public safety records of the many accidents on Chopping Road will support this fact.

Let me be clear; we do not want Chopping Road improved to accommodate this increased volume. We want the "bypassing" large truck removed from Chopping Road and directed to Zachery Taylor Highway that VDOT designated as the primary roadway for this purpose.

Thank you,

Lloyd and Lynne Runnett
2668 Chopping Road
"The Choppings"
Mineral, Virginia

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Alexandra Stanley

Subject: FW: Louisa County Public Hearing - Route 623, 22-208 Proposed Through Truck Restriction

From: info valoggers.org [<mailto:info@valoggers.org>]

Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 4:34 PM

To: Christian Goodwin <cgoodwin@louisa.org>

Subject: Louisa County Public Hearing - Route 623, 22-208 Proposed Through Truck Restriction

CAUTION: External email
Good afternoon Christian,

Thank you for taking my telephone call and inquiry this afternoon on the proposed through truck restriction on Routes 623/22-208. Virginia Loggers Association are always anxious to maintain as much of Virginia highways open to commercial logging trucks (and others) to allow for unimpeded harvesting of our forests.

VLA received inquiries by its members on Louisa County's proposed restriction on Chopping Road because several use this road to haul their unrefined forest products from forest harvesting sites to mills. They expressed concerns about safety and travelling through Mineral.

VLA generally opposes restrictions on commercial trucks in most cases but understands that County leaders and VDOT must also make their decisions supporting all its citizens. We always try to point out the needs of the rural-based economies of agriculture & forestry and the importance of supporting their use of Virginia's highway infrastructure where they already pay a heavy vehicle use tax on their vehicles.

In addition, we always support exemptions for private landowners so they may harvest their forests in the future. VLA recommends any future ordinance or regulation allow commercial log trucks to use the road so that these private landowners may have unrestricted rights to practice silviculture & forest harvesting.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input into your process.

Thank you,

Ron Jenkins
Executive Director
Virginia Loggers Association
cell: 804 - 677 - 4290
email: info@valoggers.org

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We work in an industry responsibly using renewable natural forest resources while helping people and the environment!

The Virginia Loggers Association proudly endorses Forestry Mutual Insurance as the preferred provider of Virginia worker's compensation insurance. Contact Chris Huff at chuff@forestrymutual.com or 919 - 810 - 9485.