Powell Township 101 Bensinger Street Big Bay, MI 49808 Planning Commission – Special Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2024 Draft

1. Call to Order:

Chair, Moran, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Township Hall.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Moran (Chair), Gaines, Hall, Korstad, and Mohrman

Members Absent:

Hudson (Vice Chair) and Tull

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the June 8, 2024 Agenda (Hall/Mohrman) All in favor motion carried.

5. New Business/Board Discussion

Board discussion followed concerning Michigan's new clean energy legislation addressing permitting and siting of large-scale wind and solar energy facilities. Being Public Act 233 of 2023 and Public Act 234 of 2023. Particular attention was paid to the legislative requirement that Townships adopt Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinances (referred to CREOs) if they desire to remain involved in the permitting process. It was noted that there is currently no model ordinance available from the MTA or any other known source. Efforts will be made to obtain additional information concerning the requirements of the above-referenced Public Acts so that a recommendation can be made to the Board in the future.

6. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

7. Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. (Gaines/Moran) All in favor motion carried.