

## **BZA Minutes February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**\*President Sandra Jackson opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and read the Title VI statement.**

**\*Roll Call: Present: Sandra Jackson, Virgil Bremer, Dohn Green, Marc Webb, Justin Orme, Geoff Wesling, Director Mike Holzback.**

**\* Minutes from January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, were approved on a motion from Virgil and a second from Marc. All voted Aye.**


**\* BZA-2025-1: A special exception for construction of a cell tower on property owned by Rush County Schools was presented. Director Holzback presented findings of fact and said the ordinance is being met and recommended approval. Michael Sarris from Southern Towers, representing Verizon Wireless, spoke on the application and plans. Virgil asked if there was a fence proposed, Sarris answered yes. No other questions from the board. James Jameson, superintendent of Rush County Schools, spoke on the real need for communication at the school and the lack thereof currently. Public hearing was opened, and no one was there to speak for or against. Public hearing closed. On a motion from Dohn and a second from Virgil to approve, all voted aye.**

**\*Director Holzback spoke on the recent Judge's order concerning Hulsbosch dairy which said the BZA did the right process. HWC has a proposal to build a UDO for the ordinance and possibly review the entire ordinance.**

**\*Attorney Geoff Wesling further explained Judge Bailey's Ruling. Geoff also explained more about the HWC proposal with Eli Lilly providing money for the cost of ordinance review, blight cleanup, and parks. Suit has been filed on the property near Charlottesville for cleanup.**

**\*Virgil talked on what the ordinance committee has been discussing, the HWC proposal, and possible changes to a new solar ordinance.**

**\*Virgil moved to adjourn, second by Dohn, all voted Aye.**

**Sandra Jackson**  **Dohn Green** 