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This Public Participation Form must be presented to the County Clerk prior to the time the agenda item(s) you wish to address are discussed before the Court.

## BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORM

<u>Instructions:</u> Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.
NAME:  Larry Hart DATE:
ADDRESS: 3445 Co Rd 159
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Do you represent any particular group or organization? Yes No (Circle One)
If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.
Which agenda item(s) do you wish to address?  Ata Abatement
I am aware that my comments must be limited to the issues relating to the above referenced agenda item(s), and that I will be limited to five (5) minutes for my comments, subject to the discretion of the Court to allow me more time.  I am aware all speakers are required to adhere to the rules of procedure, conduct and decorum
adopted by the Court on August 19, 2019.
(Upon completion of this form, please present it to the County Clerk. Unless this form is presented to the County Clerk, you may not be recognized for comments)
February 8, 2021 Signature: Larry Hart  (Exhibit #20)

I am Larry Hart. I have been a Brown County resident all my life. I retired after 33 years of service from 3M Company. For the past 16 years have served as the Buckmasters American Deer Foundation Heart of Texas Disabled Hunts chairman, events coordinator and treasurer. I am currently the BADF National Director for our 501c3 Charity and have been for the past 7 years.

As many of you know I am a strong advocate for **no new** tax for Brown County tax payers. Our county is made up of over 28% senior citizens that are living on fixed incomes and cannot financially handle any more expense from tax increases.

Questions that the Brown County tax payers want to know:

- Just how much will tax payers have to pay for this abatement?
- Will tax revenue from this solar farm be pass on to lower county tax rates for Brown County residence?
- Does giving abatements to this solar company open up issues with wind energy companies?
- Will you commissioners open the door and support abatements for wind energy companies?
- What environmental issues do these solar farms bring to our county?

- Is it true that the State of Texas cuts budgets to schools that get ad valorem tax revenue from these renewable energy companies? If that is not true; will any of our school districts that get all this money from the solar company be lowering ad valorem tax rates for property owners in there taxing district?
- Do any of you commissioners gain to make a personal profit from any of these renewable energy companies?