

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2012 MEETING

The committee chair called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the in the Livingston County Meeting Room on the second floor of the Pontiac Public Library, 211 E. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Eldon Ruff, Dee Woodburn, Bill Flott, Bruce Koerner, Time Shafer and Bob Young.

Absent: Daryl Holt.

Others: Livingston County Board Chair Bill Fairfield, Livingston County Farm  
Present: Bureau representative Don Immke and County Planning  
Commission office representative Chuck Schopp.

Committee chair Eldon Ruff commented about the agenda. Then Tim Shafer moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as proposed. This motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

The committee chair then indicated that the committee members had copies of the minutes to their most recent previous meeting. Then Tim Shafer moved, seconded by Bill Flott, that the minutes of the December 6, 2011 committee meetings be approved. This motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

**Solid Waste Issues:**

Current activities at the Livingston Landfill in regard leachate recirculation and gas system construction work, to assist in controlling landfill gas odor along with collecting the landfill gas, were mentioned. Then a monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members. The main focus points of this Livingston Landfill information monthly synopsis report was information regarding trucked leachate analysis (no characteristics of a hazardous waste), groundwater sampling, gas well field data, gas migration, gas system and gas flare information. In regard to the Streator Area Landfill gas system information was presented to the committee and comments on the closure report for this site was discussed with the committee members. The consultants used at the county landfills were referred to during this synopsis report. Monthly host fee information was also presented to the committee.

**Wind Energy Conversion Systems Considerations:**

The committee was informed that Minonk Wind energy project will be proceeding with construction this year. The construction on this project is projected to start at the end of March or in the first half of April, depending on the weather. In regards to the other proposed WECS projects in Livingston County it is unknown as to when these projects may progress. The status of the federal wind energy production tax credit in relation to wind energy projects was mentioned, in relation as to how this tax credit is linked to the economics of wind energy projects. It was remarked that Livingston County representatives would be attending the Illinois Wind Working Group Siting, Zoning & Taxing Wind Farms conference on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Copies of a Farmweek perspective article, on “Making a case against wind turbines in Illinois” were provided to the committee members. An editor’s note at the end of this article mentioned a consideration of establishing statewide standards for commercial wind energy conversion systems.

**Other Issues to come before the committee:**

None

**Public Comment:**

No public comments were made.

**Review and Approval of Bills:**

The committee had no bills to review.

**Adjournment:**

Then Bob Young moved, seconded by Bill Flott, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was unanimously approved.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission