

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2012 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at 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, Daryl Holt, Bruce Koerner, Tim Shafer and Bob Young.

Absent: None.

Others

Present: County Board Chair Bill Fairfield and County Planning Commission office representative Chuck Schopp.

The committee chair noted the agenda, Tim Shafer then moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the February 7, 2012 committee meeting were referred to the committee.

Bob Young moved, seconded by Bill Flott, that these meeting minutes be approved. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Solid Waste Issues:

The committee was informed of what actions the landfill is working on to control blowing litter on windy days and to control landfill odors. The Livingston Landfill has closed early on windy days, and new gas system components are being installed to assist in controlling the odor. A monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members. The monthly information synopsis relating to Livingston Landfill report focused on gas system reports, Clean Air Act Permit Program reports and well sampling results. The synopsis for the Streator Area Landfill included a report on the gas system for this landfill. Streator Area Landfill reports focused on that landfill's gas system. Current host fee information was made available to the committee members.

Wind Energy Conversion Systems Update:

The committee was informed about the proposed construction schedule for the Minonk Wind Farm. At this time it is planned that the Livingston County portion of the Minonk Wind Farm will be built after the Woodford portion of this wind farm.

The committee members were provided with a copy of a Chicago Tribune article that addresses Congress's failure to extend the production tax credit for wind energy, and how this action will delay the development of wind energy.

The committee members were provided with copies of Illinois General Assembly Senate Bill SB3271, which creates the Wind Energy Facilities Construction, Deconstruction, and Siting Act. Some of the highlights of these proposed regulations were discussed with the committee members.

Comments on the Wind Energy Conference:

The committee members were provided copies of information from the February 8, 2012, Siting, Zoning & Taxing Wind Farms in Illinois Conference. These material copies pertained to optimal wind portfolios, an overview of wind farm property tax valuation and school district funding and Illinois Enterprise Zone Act information.

Additional Wind Turbine Information;

The committee members were provided with copies of a title page, table of contents and findings of a Wind Turbine Health Impact Study, from January 2012, prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Comments on the Consolidated Grain & Barge Special Use Zoning Case:

The committee members were informed that the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals approved a special use to allow for the transportation of sand from their rural Dwight facility, the zoning board plans on reviewing the status of this property use in one year.

Other Issues to come before the committee:

The consideration of solar energy regulations were discussed with the committee members. A consensus was agreed to wait to see how solar energy evolves before proceeding with solar regulations.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills: None

Then Bill Flott moved, seconded by Daryl Holt, that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission