

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2012 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Livingston Meeting Room on the second floor of the Pontiac Public Library at 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, Livingston County Farm Bureau representative Shelby Hoerner, Carolyn Gerwin and County Planning Commission representative Chuck Schopp.

Bill Flott moved, seconded by Daryl Holt, that the agenda for this meeting be approved. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the March 6, 2012 committee meeting were referred to the committee. Tim Shafer moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, that these meeting minutes be approved. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Solid Waste Issues:

A monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members. The committee was informed that the new cell (D7) is now under construction. The synopsis report then focused on gas migration monitoring results, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) reports, first Clean Air Act Permit Program reports and groundwater reports. The RTC gas to energy litigation in regard to Livingston Landfill continues. A Streator Area Landfill gas system report was also mentioned. The closure project at the Streator Area Landfill was commented on, with it being noted that Gary Deigan has been recently touring and commenting on this site. Hoosier Energy is progressing with evaluating the gas to energy facility at Livingston Landfill, with hopes to have it operating late this summer or fall. The leachate recirculation project at Livingston Landfill was mentioned. Host agreement fee fund reports were noted under separate reports, these fees are slightly decreased in comparison to past fee fund payments. Electronic recycling options were discussed; one option to have drop off areas in municipal areas will be further reviewed. Carolyn Gerwin related she may have some collection information that can be reviewed.

### Wind Energy Conversion Systems Update:

A rough schedule of the construction of the Minonk Wind Farm was mentioned to the committee members. Some signs of construction will be visibly seen starting in the middle of this month, with construction progressing from then through the fall. The status of the other wind energy projects discussed in Livingston County remain unchanged, other than Iberdrola may not be pursuing the Saunemin Skies project.

### Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The Illinois Noxious Weed Law was reviewed again. The County Board Chairman had been contacted by the Illinois Department of Agriculture about this weed control authority. The committee members were provided with a copy of a key page of the Illinois Noxious Weed Law and rules, which further explained the control authority in regard to weed control. A comment was made that the State of Illinois has a weed issue on some of the grass areas along their road right of way areas. The committee concluded again that if noxious weeds become a problem in the future the Illinois Noxious Weed Law can be reviewed further at that time. A discussion then took place as to how the committee would recommend that proposed livestock facilities be reviewed in the present, generally in regards to requesting Illinois Department of Agriculture public hearings. How area water supplies could be affected was discussed, as being the major concern of the committee members. The committee chair mentioned plans for Enbridge to install a new pipeline through the area, and a plan to improve their tank farm facilities north of Pontiac.

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 7:10 p.m.

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission