

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 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 building, at 211 E. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Dee Woodburn, Bill Flott, Daryl Holt, Bruce Koerner and Bob Young.

Absent: Eldon Ruff and Tim Shafer.

Others

Present: Livingston County Board Chairman Bill Fairfield, Livingston County Farm Bureau Representative Jim Harms, County Planning Commission Office Representative Chuck Schopp.

In the absence of the committee chair Eldon Ruff, committee vice chair Dee Woodburn noted the agenda, and Bob Young then moved, seconded by Daryl Holt, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the April 3, 2012 committee meeting were referred to the committee. Bill Flott moved, seconded by Daryl Holt, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. 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 monthly information synopsis related to gas migration, the monitoring of the gas system wells, and issues related to the gas system, groundwater sample results and proposed county split samples of some of the groundwater monitoring wells, leachate recirculation project information and NPDES report information. 2011 annual certification and compliance reports were also noted.

Pertaining to the Streator Area Landfill, gas monitoring reports were noted. The final closure work at Streator Area Landfill will continue as allowed by weather. The committee members discussed a desire to visit the Streator Area Landfill site.

Current host fee information was also made available to the committee members.

Wind Energy Conversion Systems Update:

The beginning of the Minonk Wind Farm construction was discussed. Construction of this project is beginning in Livingston County, with the construction moving from the north to the south in Livingston County with the construction then moving west into Woodford County. Addressing for this wind farm was discussed. Erosion issues at wind farm sites were then discussed. Recent newspaper articles, which were in "The Pantagraph", were mentioned.

The information in these articles basically confirmed what the committee members had learned about the status of wind energy, and the Top Crop III and IV project proposed for Livingston County. An uncertainty remains for these projects as the federal energy tax credit is set to expire at the end of this year.

IESMA Mutual Aid:

The committee members were presented with IESMA (Illinois Emergency Services Management Agency) documents in regards to considering an agreement for an emergency management mutual aid agreement. The documents presented included an explanation of this IESMA program. In addition the committee was presented with a draft of a resolution for approval of this mutual aid agreement, and a draft copy of the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Agreement. This proposal will be discussed at a future meeting after the committee has been given time to review these draft documents.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The zoning administrator mentioned the pending reappointment of Howard Zimmerman as a zoning board of appeals member. Dee Woodburn then mentioned the open house planned at the Harm's swine facility this coming Thursday.

Public Comment:

Jim Harms commented about the progress of the Minonk Wind Farm construction, which is in the area of the county in which he resides.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice in the amount of \$3,624.91 from Deigan & Associates, LLC, for professional services from January 1, 2012 thru May 1, 2012 relating to Landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area landfills, environmental/solid waste landfill consulting services to Livingston County was reviewed by the committee. These invoices are generally paid out of the solid waste budget. Bill Flott moved, seconded by Bruce Koerner, that this invoice be approved for payment. This motion was unanimously approved, by voice vote.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission