

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 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: Eldon Ruff, Dee Woodburn, Bill Flott, Daryl Holt, Bruce Koerner, Tim Shafer and Bob Young.

Absent: None

Others

Present: Livingston County Board Chairman Bill Fairfield, Livingston County Farm Bureau representative Craig Swartz and County Planning Commission Office representative Chuck Schopp.

Mr. Ruff noted that the agenda and Tim Shafer moved, seconded by Bill Flott, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the May 8, 2012 committee meeting were referred to the committee.

Bob Young 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 relating to Livingston Landfill report focused on well monitoring and results, gas system reports, flare testing reports, NPDES reports, leachate recirculation and closure/post closure estimate updates.

Pertaining to the Streator Area Landfill, gas monitoring and groundwater monitoring reports were discussed. The committee came to a consensus to visit the closure of the Streator Area Landfill, at a meeting to begin at 3 p.m. at the Streator Area Landfill.

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

Wind Energy Conversion Systems Update:

The committee was then informed about construction status of the Minonk Wind LLC, wind energy conversion system. Algonquin Power has expressed interest in introducing themselves to this committee and to the County Board at their respective July meetings. Algonquin Power has expressed an ownership interest in the Minonk Wind development. A May 31, 2012 Chicago Tribune article on “ Money meant for wind, solar power loses steam as customers shift from utility giants”, was discussed with the committee members. This article mentions the Illinois Power Agency, renewable energy credits in relation to status of renewable energy in Illinois.

IESMA Mutual Aid:

The committee will be asked for a recommendation on this consideration at their August 2012 meeting.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The committee was updated on the high speed rail and Enbridge projects that are taking place in Livingston County this year. An administrative zoning ordinance text amendment was discussed with the committee with the committee agreeing to have this text amendment formally addressed.

Review and Approval of Bills: None

Executive Session:

Bill Flott moved, seconded by Daryl Holt, to close regular session to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) – Review of closed session minutes. This motion was approved by roll call vote Ruff -Yes, Woodurn-Yes, Flott-Yes, Holt-Yes, Koerner- Yes, Shafer-Yes and Young-Yes.

Executive session began at 7:10p.m.

Regular session resumed at 7:17 p.m.

In action resulting from this executive session Dee Woodburn moved, seconded by Bob Young, that the committee allow for the executive session minutes of the February 2, 2010, March 2, 2010, July 6, 2010 and August 2, 2011 AG & Zoning Committee Meetings to be opened. This motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission