

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2012 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at the Livingston County Offices' 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: County Planning Commission Office Representative Chuck Schopp, Gamesa Energy representatives Ryan Ammermann and Kristin Swenson.

Mr. Ruff noted the agenda, it was noted that the item listed as d.1 should be listed as c.1. 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 June 5, 2012 committee meeting were referred to the committee. Daryl Holt moved, seconded by Bob Young, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minonk Wind:

Ryan Ammermann, project manager for Gamesa Energy USA, related to the committee that he will be in the area weekly working with Duane Enger on the Minonk Wind project. Mr. Ammermann then introduced Kristen Swenson, a Gamesa Manager of Construction and Commissioning, who was also present at this meeting. Mr. Ammermann then provided an update on the construction of the Minonk Wind project, explaining that 18 of the wind turbines to be placed in Livingston County are up, with 7 turbines remaining to be constructed in Livingston County. Mr. Ammermann commented that all the foundations for the turbines are completed in Livingston County. Mr. Ammermann then mentioned the ownership interest that Algonquin Power has expressed for the Minonk Wind project. This Algonquin Power ownership interest will be further addressed at a future committee meeting. Mr. Ammermann explained that Gamesa will continue to have a management interest in Minonk Wind for at least the next 20 years.

The committee as informed of Gamesa recently forming an internal LLC, pertaining to the financing the Minonk Wind project. The payment of crop losses created by the construction of the Minonk Wind project was discussed. The committee was also informed of this project utilizing early morning working hours during the heat that has affected the construction area over the last few weeks.

#### ATR:

A representative of ATR was unable to attend this meeting, and they will be in touch with the county if they need to attend a future meeting.

#### 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 sampling events, the gas management system monitoring, leachate analysis, NPDES reports, and a remark that construction on cell D7 continues.

Pertaining to the Streator Area Landfill, gas monitoring and leachate analysis were mentioned in the synopsis report. The committee agreed to reschedule their visit to the Streator Area Landfill @3:30 on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### Wind Energy Projects Update:

Wind Energy Companies that have expressed interest in developing projects in Livingston County continue to have limited communication with county representatives about the status of these projects.

The committee was informed that a representative of the planning commission office is planning on attending part of the Advancing Illinois Wind conference in Normal next week.

A question as to why turbines are not always turning was addressed by Kristin Swenson of Gamesa. Kristin mentioned that wind turbines may not be operating, because of a lack of wind, being shut down (sometimes as part of a circuit) for maintenance, and sometimes because of lack of a purchase of the energy.

#### Capital Budget Request:

The zoning administrator presented a roll over request from this year to next year for a capital budget item of \$50,000 for the update of the county subdivision and zoning regulations. The committee recognized this request from past years.

#### Public Comment:

No public comments were made.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice in the amount of \$4,215.60 from Deigan & Associates, LLC, for professional services from May 1, 2012 thru July 1, 2012 relating to Landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area landfills, for environmental/solid waste landfill consulting services to Livingston County was reviewed by the committee. Bill Flott moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, that this committee recommend that this invoice be approved for payment. This motion was unanimously approved, by voice vote.

The committee agreed to move the closed session portion placed on the agenda of this meeting to the agenda of the next committee meeting.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission