

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Livingston County Office's 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 and Bob Young

Absent: Bruce Koerner and Tim Shafer

Others

Present: Livingston County Board Chair Bill Fairfield, County Planning Commission Office Representative Chuck Schopp, Non-committee County Board Member Kathy Arbogast, Ryan Ammermann of Gamesa, Pauline Doohan, from Baker and McKenzie, Enbridge Representatives Jennifer Smith, Ron Fuchs and Stephanie Guerrero

The committee chair noted the agenda for this meeting, then Bob Young moved, seconded by Daryl Holt, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as it is being presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the August 7, 2012 were referred to the committee. Bill Flott moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minonk Wind Ownership (Gamesa-Algonquin Power Assignment):

The committee members were presented the latest draft resolution copy, drafted by Tom Blakeman, pertaining to Approval of Assignment of Special Use Permit for a Wind Energy Conversion System. The committee was also presented a copy of the Section 16-Permit Deliverables Minonk Wind, LLC Ownership Transfer, block document, from the Minonk Wind, LLC Ownership Transfer Documentation Transfer binder. The planning commission representative informed the committee that Minonk Wind/Gamesa representatives would prefer that contingent statement be removed from the copy of the draft resolution before them. The planning commission representative then suggested that this committee schedule a meeting just prior to the upcoming county board meeting to allow for the attorneys to work on language acceptable by all parties.

Pauline Doohan, an attorney representing Gamesa, commented on how she has discussed and worked on this draft resolution with Mr. Blakeman. Pauline Doohan commented about interested parties opposition of the word contingency and about how they are working towards a clean consent.

The committee and Pauline Doohan discussed the draft resolution in regard to the contingent word and opposition to that word, if the new ownership is agreeing to comply with the condition. The committee then consented to have a meeting held just prior to the county board meeting on September 13th, to review any revised resolutions pertaining to the Minonk Wind LLC ownership transfer.

Enbridge Project(s) Briefing:

Jennifer Smith, Ron Fuchs and Stephanie Guerrero were present at this meeting wanting to inform the committee of Enbridge projects in the Livingston County area. Jennifer Smith commented on proposed work on the Flanagan South pipeline. Jennifer Smith then related that construction will start soon on new storage tanks at their storage and pumping facility on Route 23 just north of Pontiac. These tanks are replacing tanks that were demolished earlier this year. Jennifer Smith then remarked about the potential zoning hearings for the potential expansion of their Pontiac (Flanagan) facility on property on the east side of Route 23 across from their current facility. A pumping facility may be developed in the relatively near future on this property, and further development on this property may take place as their business climate dictates expansion of this facility. Therefore, this development will be considered in phases. The committee and Jennifer Smith discussed the near future proposed plans. Stephanie Guerrero then commented about the proposed new Enbridge pump station development, the Reddick station north of Campus on County Highway 3. Stephanie Guerrero explained about how they are increasing their flow rate on the pipeline going from Pontiac to the greater Chicagoland area. The committee and Enbridge representatives then discussed all of their new development plans.

Solid Waste Issues:

A landfill correspondence synopsis document was presented to the committee members. This synopsis included information in regard to the Livingston Landfill gas system, ground water monitoring, leachate recirculation, NPDES reports, open flare testing, and a follow-up report of a potential subsurface oxidation event. The construction on cell D7 is concluding, and should be approved for waste being deposited in this new cell some time late this fall. Host agreement fund information was also provided to the committee members.

Host fee reports for the past month were noted to the committee.

Wind Energy Conversion Systems Update:

Developers continue to assess proposed wind energy projects in relation as to how they evaluate the current economics of developing their wind energy projects.

Other Issues to come before the Committee:

The planning commission representative mentioned a recent inquiry into sites for commercial solar energy development. Solar energy regulations will be evaluated if commercial solar energy projects become more economical feasible.

The committee was informed that Dee Woodburn and Ed Hoerner are willing to be reappointed to the regional planning commission.

Public Comment:

Ryan Ammermann from Gamesa briefed the committee on the current status of the Minonk Wind project. Mr. Ammermann related that 100% of the foundations are poured and that 75 or 76 turbines are now erected. The committee then discussed the proposed Minonk Wind, LLC ownership transfer with Mr. Ammermann.

Review and Approval of Bills: None

Then Daryl Holt moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, 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