

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 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, Bruce Koerner and Bob Young.

Absent: Tim Shafer

Others County Board Chairman Bill Fairfield, County Planning Commission representative Chuck Schopp, Pontiac Daily Leader representative Cynthia Grau and Livingston County Environmental Association representatives Judy Campbell and Carolyn Gerwin.

Committee Chair Eldon Ruff mentioned the agenda, and then Dee Woodburn moved, seconded by Bill Flott, that the agenda be approved. This motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Eldon Ruff noted the minutes from the September 4, 2012 and September 13, 2012 meetings. Then Daryl Holt moved, seconded by Bill Flott, that these minutes be approved as presented. This motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

Streator Cayuga Ridge South Wind Project's Post Construction Wildlife Monitoring Report:

The committee members were provided with copies of key pages of the Streator Cayuga Ridge South Wind Project's Post Construction Wildlife Monitoring Report. This copied pages included the title page, the table of contents, the executive summary, a regional bat fatality rates graph, a regional bird fatality rates graph, a complete fatality listing and a conclusion page. Entire copies of this report were also made available for the committee members. A synopsis of this report was made to the committee members. Dee Woodburn expressed her curiosity as to how many of the bat fatalities may be related to changes in air pressures created in the areas directly around the wind turbines. A suggestion was made about this report to be put on the county's web site.

Solid Waste Issues:

A monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members. The synopsis for Livingston Landfill report focused gas system reports, clean air act permit program reports and groundwater, leachate and private well reports. The committee was informed about an odor complaint in regard to the Livingston Landfill operation.

This was a legitimate concern in that one of the gas flares was down and an area around a vault area was found to be accumulating landfill gas. The flare has been repaired and mitigation work has been done in the area around the vault to address odor issues at the landfill.

In regard to the Streator Area Landfill a synopsis on reports pertaining to the hauled leachate, groundwater monitoring and gas data were made to the committee.

Additional comments were made, in that construction of Cell D7 at Livingston Landfill has been completed and is awaiting IEPA approval. Some work on the final cover at the Streator Area Landfill has taken place this fall. The drainage chute areas have been graded and seeded, interior ditches have been cleaned and additional grading and seeding work has taken place. A discussion on the plans to continue monitoring the Streator Area Landfill, then took place. A Bureau County Republican, newspaper opinion letter referred to some one being denied a permit in Livingston County. The county zoning administrator indicated that he was unaware of any permits being denied in any wind project areas in Livingston County. Judy Campbell related that she had investigated this matter and found that this concern was in LaSalle County not Livingston County. Host fee reports for the past month were noted to the committee.

Wind Energy Projects Update:

Gamesa has indicated that the Minonk Wind project will complete the erection of turbines in the middle of October and will be commercially operational by the end of the year. The remaining projects are apparently continuing to evaluate the economic feasibility of proceeding with their projects.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee: None

Public Comment:

Carolyn Gerwin inquired about the subsurface oxidation event that took place earlier this year at the Livingston Landfill. The landfill responded to this event by adding soil material to the area, shutting down area landfill gas wells and continuing to monitoring the situation. This continued monitoring has not shown any ongoing issues in this area. Personnel at the landfill continue to monitor this area of subsurface oxidation concern

Judy Campbell presented to the committee members information on the Livingston County Environmental Association's Environmental Health Survey Pilot Project, Summer 2011. The committee information included a copy of a news release about this project, a copy of a map indicating the project area and a control area, and a copy of a 28 page report plus appendixes pertaining to this Environmental Health Survey Pilot project. Judy Campbell commented about how this survey was conducted, and she commented about the findings of this survey. A discussion took place pertaining to these documents. The committee expressed their thanks to Judy for providing them information on this survey.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice in the amount of \$3,701.37 from Deigan & Associates, LLC, for professional services for the period of July 1, 2012 to October 1, 2012 relating to Landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area landfills, environmental/solid waste landfill consulting services to Livingston County was reviewed by the committee. The committee also reviewed an invoice from Blakeman and Schrock Ltd. in the amount of \$1,952.50 for professional services related to the Gamesa, Minonk Wind LLC, change in ownership. Bob Young moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, that this committee approves the payment of these invoices from Deigan and Associates and Blakeman and Schrock Ltd. This motion was unanimously approved, by voice vote.

Adjournment:

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

This meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission