

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the county meeting room on the second floor of the Pontiac Public Library, 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

The chair noted the agenda, and then Bob Young 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 October 2, 2012 meeting. Then Daryl Holt moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, that the minutes of this October 2, 2012 committee meeting be approved as presented. This motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

**Solid Waste Issues:**

A monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members. The synopsis for Livingston Landfill report focused on water sampling and gas system monitoring results. The committee was made aware of planned new gas wells in Cell C, which are to be installed this year and next year. A proposed new recycling building to be placed at the landfill was also noted to the committee members. Livingston Landfill ranks third in the State of Illinois as it pertains to the amount of waste tonnage being placed in the facility.

Streator Area Landfill correspondence focused on gas system monitoring, and groundwater monitoring. Perception issues of moving the monitoring of well G118 to a semi-annual basis was mentioned to the committee members. The perception issues are based on well G118 being located between the landfill waste boundary and the Vermilion River.

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

## **2013 Environmental Consultants Agreement**

The committee members were provided with a copy of a proposal from Deigan and Associates, LLC for continued Environmental/Solid Waste Landfill Consulting Services for Livingston County for 2013. The committee discussed this proposal in comparison to the current agreement. Then Dee Woodburn moved, seconded by Bruce Koerner, that the AG & Zoning Committee recommend to the Livingston County Board the approval of this proposal. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

## **IEPA E-Waste Advertising Grant**

The committee was informed of a grant process through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, for an educational grant pertaining to electronic recycling. It was the consensus of the committee that this grant opportunity be considered by Livingston County.

## **Update on Wind Energy Projects:**

The Minok Wind project is progressing so that it is hopeful that this wind energy facility will be commercially operating around the first of the year. All turbines are constructed, and testing is being done on the turbines, so some the turbines can be seen operating during this testing period. Gamesa is planning on presenting the final enterprise zone payment to the county in December. Follow-up road repairs related to this project will be completed during the road construction season in 2013.

At this time it still seems improbable that any new wind energy projects will be constructed in Livingston County in 2013.

## **Other Issues:**

The placement of a new AT&T Cell tower adjacent to Dwight was discussed, and how new private sewage disposal system regulations are proposed, appearing to be nearing approval.

**Public Comment:** None

**Review and Approval of Bills:** None

## **Adjournment:**

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

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

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission