

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2013 MEETING

The committee chair called this meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the in the Livingston Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Bob Young, Bill Flott, Mike Ingles, Ronald Kestner, Bill Peterson, and Earl Rients.

Absent: Paul Ritter

Others Livingston County Board Chair Marty Fannin, Livingston County Farm
Present: Bureau representative Jason Bunting and County Planning
Commission office representative Chuck Schopp.

Committee chair Bob Young commented about the agenda. Then Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Earl Rients, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as proposed. This motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

The committee chair then indicated that the committee members had copies of the minutes to their most recent previous meeting. Then Ronald Kestner moved, seconded by Bill Peterson, that the minutes of the January 8, 2013 committee meetings be approved. 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 main focus points of this Livingston Landfill information monthly synopsis report was information regarding trucked leachate analysis (no characteristics of a hazardous waste), groundwater sampling, gas well field data, gas migration, gas system and gas flare information. Gas odors at Livingston Landfill were also discussed. Matters in regard to the Streator Area Landfill remain unchanged. The committee was informed that Livingston County has received a grant from the IEPA for educating consumers on electronic recycling. Monthly host fee information was also presented to the committee.

Wind Energy Conversion Systems Considerations:

The committee was informed about a newspaper article from the Kankakee Daily Journal, in which Turner Hunt of Vision Energy comments about how the K-4 Wind Project is progressing. This is the wind energy project to be located in Kankakee, Iroquois, Ford and Livingston Counties. The Livingston County part of this project has yet to be approved by the county. The Deer Run wind energy project will not be developed this year, though it is still a viable project for Iberdrola Renewables. No other wind energy companies have been in contact with the county within the last month regarding other projects that were being considered in Livingston County.

Quarry Fee Discussion:

Copies of correspondence pertaining to mineral extraction taxes or fees from 2007 were presented to the committee members.

This correspondence was Tom Blakeman that in part relates that it does not appear to be any provision in the Illinois Constitution or any statute which would authorize a quarry tax or fee. Other quarry/mining fees options were discussed, including raising special use fees. The potential recreational uses of quarry ponds were discussed. None of the options discussed appear to be allowed or they would not the desired impact being sought.

Other Issues to come before the committee:

The committee was informed that IEMA has renewed the emergency management accreditation for Livingston County. An upcoming hydraulic fracturing seminar was mentioned to the committee. Proposed State of Illinois legislation pertaining to zoning issues was mentioned to the committee members.

Public Comment:

Jason Bunting addressed the committee informing the members that he is new president of the Livingston County Farm Bureau. Mr. Bunting stressed the importance of agriculture in Livingston County. Mr. Bunting expressed the willingness that the Farm Bureau has in working with this committee and with the Livingston County Board.

Review and Approval of Bills:

The committee had no bills to review.

Executive Session:

Bill Flott moved, seconded by Mike Ingles, 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 Young-Yes, Flott-Yes, Ingles-Yes, Kestner-Yes, Peterson-Yes, Rients-Yes, Ritter-Absent.

Executive Session began at 6:45 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 6:55 p.m.

In action resulting from Regular Session Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Bill Flott, that the committee allow for the executive session minutes of the December 6, 2005, May 2, 2006, September 5, 2006 and June 5, 2012 AG & Zoning Committee meetings to be opened. This motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment:

Then Ronald Kestner moved, seconded by Earl Rients, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was unanimously approved.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission