

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2013 MEETING

This meeting was called to begin at 6:05 p.m., at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, at 112 W. Madison St. Pontiac, Illinois, and roll call was taken.

Present: Bob Young, Bill Flott, Mike Ingles, Ron Kestner, Bill Peterson, Earl Rients and Paul Ritter.

Absent: None

Others

Present: County Board Chair Marty Fannin, Livingston County Farm Bureau representative Roger Wahls and Regional Planning Commission Office representative Chuck Schopp.

Committee chair Bob Young noted the agenda, commenting on how he would like to amend the agenda by adding 2.e, Communications. Paul Ritter then moved, seconded by Mike Ingles, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the March 5, 2013 committee meeting were referred to the committee. Bill Flott moved, seconded by Earl Rients, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Review of Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-1-13 – D & L Smith Construction:

The committee was provided with a report regarding a request from D & L Smith Construction to amend the zoning district map to allow for the zoning classification on some of their property in Graymont to be changed from a C2, General Business, District classification to an I1, Light Industry, District classification. The Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals conducted public hearing in regard to this request on March 7th, 2013. Representatives of the applicant were the only parties presenting testimony at this public hearing. The zoning board of appeals, and the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission are recommending the approval of this zoning proposal. The committee discussed parking issues around this property, and the appearance of this property. After the committee discussion on this request, Mike Ingles moved seconded by Bill Flott that this committee recommend to the Livingston County Board that this zoning request be approved. This recommendation was approved by voice vote.

Solid Waste/Landfill 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 gas system reports and Clean Air Act Permit Program reports. New gas wells are currently being installed at Livingston Landfill. The committee members also learned of communication between representatives of the landfill and the IEPA, clarifying some ground water monitoring issues. Representatives of Livingston County are proposing to conduct some split samples on some ground water monitoring wells later this month. Hoosier Energy has begun improvements to the Livingston Landfill gas system. Committee members discussed how some people continue to occasionally notice Livingston Landfill litter issues while travelling the I-55 corridor near the Livingston Landfill.

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

Wind Energy Conversion Systems Update:

The committee was informed of how the resolution of television reception issues in the area of the Minonk Wind project are slow to be resolved. The committee agreed that the State's Attorney's office be contacted for their counsel on this matter. The committee was informed that Iberdrola's Pontiac office has closed. The committee was also informed that some bills have been introduced in the state legislature that pertain to decommissioning requirements for wind energy projects.

Discussion on Committee Goals:

The committee discussed goals of which they may want to focus on during within the next year. Mr. Schopp discussed his office goals. The committee then agreed to support and be involved in the state mandated goal of updating emergency planning. The committee then agreed to pursue a goal of reviewing and updating as necessary the county land planning documents.

Communication:

A discussion took place between committee members in regards to county board members being notified as to who and when new employees are hired. The common past practices of how these situations have been handled were addressed, in part that has been a past practice that county board members are not generally notified of all new employee hires.

Other Issues to come before the committee:

It was agreed that this committee should formally be recognized by its full proper name of Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services, as noted in the Standing Rules of the County Board.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

The committee was presented with a statement from AMS Environmental, Inc. for battery recycling in the amount of \$2,747, the committee members from the last term had approved of this program and they had agreed that funds to pay from this project could come from the Contractual Services line item in the Solid Waste Department budget. Ron Kestner moved, seconded by Earl Rients, that the committee approve the payment of this statement. This motion was approved by roll call vote.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission