

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE, ZONING and EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2013 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: Livingston County Farm Bureau Representative Jesse Faber, County Planning Commission Office Representative Chuck Schopp.

Committee Chair noted the agenda, and Mike Ingles then moved, seconded by Bill Peterson, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the April 2, 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.

Solid Waste Issues:

Reference was made to a letter dated April 18, 2013 from Republic Services in response to a letter dated April 8, 2013 from the county board chair pertaining to litter in fields and along the roadway. The letter from Republic related to their litter crews and how they would increase their litter pick up efforts along the highway now that it is Spring. An increased effort by Republic to clean up litter along the highway prior to the Route 66 Red Carpet weekend was also mentioned. A monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members. This monthly information synopsis related to the monitoring of the gas system and issues related to the gas system including the planned abandonment of some horizontal wells and the construction of some new vertical wells. This synopsis also included information about groundwater monitoring and NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) report information. 2012 annual certification and compliance reports were also noted. Water monitoring results pertaining to the Streator Area landfill were also mentioned to the committee members. Hoosier Energy is mobilizing to begin the major portion of their work needed to make the gas to energy facility at the Livingston Landfill functional late this summer or in the fall of this year. Current host fee information was also made available to the committee members.

Wind Energy Conversion Systems Update:

The status of issues regarding the Minonk Wind Farm were mentioned. Farm drainage tile repairs have been taken place along with discussions on the repairing roads damaged when this wind farm was constructed last year. There has been no activity on any other wind energy facilities proposed for the county.

Discussion of Committee Goals:

The committee was presented with a brochure copy relating to the disaster declaration process. The committee was also presented a copy of a new Illinois Emergency Management Agency Disaster Impact assessment Form. Comments in reference to the recent flooding event were made pertaining to these documents. Since the assessment form has an area pertaining to census issues, the correlation of census reported building permits in relation to the actual number of permits was discussed. Such as in the year 2010 24 housing permits were reported that were part of a total of 193 permits issued.

After a brief discussion on the Livingston County Comprehensive Plan the committee members agreed to discuss the possible amendment of this document in more detail at their next meeting.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

A discussion on noise issues regarding atv's and other off road four wheelers were discussed, with the committee concluding that at this point leave any issues the violate travelling on public roads to law enforcement, and to allow for private use of such vehicles on private property.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice in the amount of \$ 8,869.85 for the 4th quarter of 2012 and the 1st quarter of 2013 from Deigan & Associates, LLC, for professional services from relating to Landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area landfills, environmental/solid waste landfill consulting services to Livingston County was reviewed by the committee. These invoices are generally paid out of the solid waste budget. Bill Flott moved, seconded by Mike Ingles, that this invoice be approved for payment. This motion was approved by voice vote.

Then Ron Kestner moved, seconded by Mike Ingles, that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission