

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THEIR AUGUST 23, 2013 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., at the American Disposal Services of Illinois Building, at 13612 E – 2100 North Rd., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Paul Ritter.

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

Minutes of the August 6, 2013 committee meeting were referred to the committee. Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Earl Rients, that these minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee chair Young then had those present at this meeting introduce themselves. Besides the committee members those present were Gary Diegan and Grace Nelson of Deigan and associates, consultants for the county, Eric Dippon and Bill Janes representing Livingston Landfill, Bob Barnes and Will Kaufman representing Hoosier Energy, Chuck Schopp representing the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission. Randy Wittenberg representing LivCom 911 also joined the meeting.

Landfill/Solid Waste Issues Briefing:

A copy of Deigan and Associates Review notes /comments on Livingston Landfill submittal reviews was presented to the committee members. Gary Deigan then commented that these reviews were routing matters and that he is not aware of any areas of concern at Livingston Landfill.

Bob --- of Hoosier Energy remarked that their Livingston Landfill gas to energy project will be completed around the first week of October of this year and that it will become a commercial operation shortly thereafter. Bob explained that while this gas to energy power will be connected to a ComEd grid, ComEd will not be purchasing the power just transmitting the power as an interconnect provider. Power purchase issues were then explained. Power to be generated by this landfill gas to energy project will be enough energy to provide power to approximately 11,000 homes.

Eric Dippon representing Livingston Landfill related that they continue to receive approximately 4000 tons of waste a day, and that they plan to continue to receive similar amounts of waste next year.

Republic, the owner of Livingston Landfill, does not plan on constructing any new cells next year. New gas wells are planned to be installed on the south side of Rowe Road yet this fall. Bill Janes commented on the seeding that is to take place at Livingston Landfill later this year. Eric Dippon explained how the ownership of the landfill had evolved over the years, with Republic ending up merging with Allied Waste and becoming the current owner of the landfill. Eric Dippon explained that the Livingston Landfill's partnership with

Hoosier Energy is a much better partnership in relation to the previous operator of the landfill's gas to energy system. Gary Deigan explained about how he believed that the previous gas to energy facility operator at Livingston Landfill was greedy and untrustworthy. Eric Dippon commented on his employment history with Republic and about how he had previously worked for a landfill operations consultant. Mr. Deigan then commented on how long he has worked as a consultant related to landfill issues for Livingston County. Mr. Deigan commented on how the business relationship between the landfill, the county and his company is beneficial in the operations of the landfill. Mr. Deigan commented that in comparison to other landfill's he has worked on, Livingston Landfill is a quality operation.

ETSB:

Randy Wittenberg reported on the current numbers of telecommunicators, and plans to update their eligibility list for these positions. They hope to go to eleven telecommunicators in the new future. Mr. Wittenberg commented that their draft budgets for next year have been submitted. Mapping and surcharge funding issues were mentioned again. The draft agreement between ETSB and Livingston County is being completed, and will be ready for review by Livingston County in September.

The committee discussed as to when they want to meet again to discuss the draft ETSB agreement. The committee agreed that a September 3rd meeting is not needed, with the committee then planning on reviewing the ETSB at a meeting prior to the Livingston County Board meeting on September 12th.

No other issues were presented to the committee members.

No public comments were made, and no bills were presented for the committee to review.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the committee members were encouraged to take advantage of the Livingston Landfill open house, which was following this meeting.

Then Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Bill Flott, that this meeting be recessed to 5:30 p.m. on September 12th, 2013 in the committee room of the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, at 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, IL. This motion was approved unanimously.

The business portion of this meeting was recessed at 10:25 am.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission