

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2011 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the county board committee meeting room in the Livingston County Courthouse, Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Eldon Ruff, Dee Woodburn, Bill Flott, Daryl Holt, Bruce Koerner, Tim Shafer and Bob Young.

Absent: None

Others County Board Chairman Bill Fairfield, County Planning Commission representative Chuck Schopp,

Committee Chair Eldon Ruff mentioned the agenda, and then Tim Shafer 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 September 6, 2011 meeting. Then Dee Woodburn moved, seconded by Bob Young, that the minutes of this September 6, 2011 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 a NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) reports and gas system reports (Methane was not detected at a concentration greater than 50 percent of the LEL (Lower Explosive Limit) at any gas monitoring probe. This synopsis also related to closure reports, clean air act permit program reports and ground water assessments.

In regard to the Streator Area Landfill, a discussion took place pertaining to the final closure of the landfill, committee members suggested that winter wheat be considered as a temporary vegetation cover on this landfill, since the cover seeding has yet to take place.

Host fee reports for the past month were noted to the committee.

Wind Energy Projects Update:

The committee was informed that the status of proposed wind energy project remains unchanged from last month. Gamesa continues to indicate that the Minonk Wind project may be constructed next year. The remaining projects are apparently continuing to evaluate the economic feasibility of proceeding with their projects.

Recycling Projects:

The committee was informed that two electronic recycling projects are scheduled to take place this Saturday, October 8, 2011. These events shall begin at 9:00 am. and end at 1:00 p.m. One event will be held at the Reading Township parking lot in South Streator, and the second event is to be held in the parking lot of Pizza by Marchelloni in Fairbury.

Solar Energy Regulations:

No new information was presented in regard to solar energy regulations. The committee will continue to review this matter.

Livingston County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

The committee was presented with three documents pertaining to the Livingston County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. One document was a copy of the Executive Summary of the Livingston County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The second document was a copy of Mitigation Plan Frequently Asked Questions. The third document was a copy of a draft resolution for the adoption of the Livingston County All Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Continuation of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee. A review of the 19 action items mentioned in the draft resolution were then reviewed with the committee. At the conclusion of this review, Bob Young moved, seconded by Daryl Holt, that this AG & Zoning Committee recommend to the entire county board that the resolution for the adoption of the Livingston County All Hazard Mitigation Plan be approved. This motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

Committee member Daryl Holt commented about the well testing that had taken place pertaining to the proposed Harms Livestock Facility(s). A well test has been completed on or near the proposed Harms – Kevin’s House location. The well test on the new well at this location had a goal to pump water at 35 GPM, the new well dropped 9 feet but recovered within a half hour after the pump was shut off. The other two wells on the property were minimally affected by this test. Testing at the proposed Harms east site, the proposed Harm’s – Stoller site, is to take place in the future. A discussion on a need to have a representative test be conducted then took place.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice in the amount of \$1,973.65 from Deigan & Associates, LLC, for professional services for the period of August 5, 2011 to September 30, 2011 relating to Landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area landfills, environmental/solid waste landfill consulting services to Livingston County was reviewed by the committee. Dee Woodburn moved, seconded by Bill Flott, that this committee recommend that this invoice from Deigan and Associates, LLC be approved for payment. This motion was unanimously approved, by voice vote.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Then Daryl Holt moved, seconded by Tim Shafer, 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