

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Jason Bunting, Paul Ritter, Gerald Earing, Patrick Killian, Steven Lovell, Tim Shafer and John Slagel.

Absent: None

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board Chair Bob Young, Non-committee County Board members Linda Ambrose, Kathy Arbogast and Mark Runyon, County Executive Director Alina Hartley.

New Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented about the agenda for this January 8, 2019 meeting, commenting that business items 6 and 7 on the agenda regarding executive session can be removed since no executive session is to be held. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that this agenda be approved as amending, removing business items 6 and 7 from the agenda. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Jason Bunting then referred to the minutes of the November 6, 2018 and November 14, 2018 committee meetings. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Steven Lovell, that these meetings minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update/Grant/Accreditation:

The committee members had been provided background information on the committee's and county board's action regarding the update of the county all hazard mitigation plan that took place in 2017, in that an application had to be made for the 2018 grant cycle that would assist in this update. The county has received this grant and towards the end of 2018 the county emergency management office received an updated accreditation. So plans are in place to move forward with the update of this all hazard mitigation plan in 2019. A dialogue took place pertaining to how involved the committee would like to be in this update project. The committee agreed to listen to the first consultant led meeting regarding this project, with this first meeting tentatively set for after the regular committee meeting in April, 7 pm on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Solid Waste Report – Review of a synopsis of solid waste related documents and host fee information:

Printed copies monthly synopsis document reviews were presented to and reviewed with the committee members. These reports and discussion on these reports focused on landfill ground gas well monitoring results, NPDES reports and a gas odor issue regarding the Livingston Landfill. Groundwater monitoring and gas system matters were mentioned regarding the Streator Area Landfill.

Monthly host agreement fund information was also provided to the committee.

Illinois Consumer Electronic Recycling Program Update:

The committee members were briefed on the new state electronic clearinghouse program. Tentative dates for electronic recycling events in Livingston County are being considered for April 20 and September 14 of this year. A conversation on this program took place. With this being a new program with continuing questions on how it is to be conducted, as the program proceeds lessons will be learned on how to move forward with this program.

Notice of Intent to Construct a New Livestock Structure:

The committee members were informed that a Notice of Intent to Construct a new livestock structure had been filed, for an additional building to an existing swine facility for Mueller Pork, in the southeast portion of Livingston County. The committee recognized the plans for this new construction project.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The committee members were updated on the status of the proposed solar energy zoning text amendment, as this proposal is going through review of the regional planning commission and the zoning board of appeals at their meetings this month. Once these proposed changes are finalized to proceed with final review, they will formally proceed through the public hearing process.

The county has received a letter from the Illinois Department of Agriculture pertaining to the Illinois noxious weed law. The committee will review this matter at their next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$1,943.75 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from October 22, 2018 to December 27, 2018 relating to landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area Landfills, for environmental/solid waste landfill consulting service to Livingston County was submitted and explained to the committee.

Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that this committee approve the payment of this invoice. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session Pursuant to 5/ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) – Litigation - None

Action Resulting from Executive Session- None

Adjournment:

Then Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

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

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission