

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2019 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Jason Bunting, Gerald Earing, Patrick Killian, Steven Lovell, and John Slagel.

Absent: Paul Ritter, and Tim Shafer

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board Chair Bob Young, Non-committee County Board member Linda Ambrose, and County Executive Director Alina Hartley.

New Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented about the agenda for this February 5, 2019 meeting, with items regarding electronic recycling, the Galvan buses situation, and a regional planning commission appointment to be mentioned under other business, with the committee chair commenting that business items 6 and 7 on the agenda regarding executive session can be removed since no executive session is to be held. Patrick Killian moved, seconded by John Slagel, that this agenda be approved as proposed to be amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Jason Bunting then referred to the minutes of the January 8, 2019 committee meeting. John Slagel moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that these meetings minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

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 published in the local newspaper and the county has been officially notified by the Illinois Department of Agriculture about this proposed swine facility expansion for Mueller Pork, in the southeast portion of Livingston County. The committee recognized the plans for this new construction project to add 73 animal units to the existing 2,240 animal units. The potential of the Illinois Department of Agriculture requirements regarding county residents of 75 or more petitioning the county to request an Illinois Department of Agriculture informational hearing was discussed, and if such a petition is filed with the county within the appropriate time frame, then the county will request a Illinois Department of Agriculture informational hearing.

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 reports regarding the landfill gas system, NPDES reports, and groundwater monitoring reports regarding the Livingston Landfill.

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

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The committee members were informed about the issue discussed in the past with the storage of school buses on the Galvan property northwest of Pontiac had been resolved with the removal of the buses from the property.

The committee were informed that the re-appointment of Scott Sand to the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission is proposed to be approved at the next county board meeting.

The committee members were briefed on the new state electronic clearinghouse program, and about how the opt in for the 2020 program is due into the IEPA by March 1. The county intends to opt into the program again. This opt in will not commit the county to the 2020 program, at this time. With 2019 being the first year of this new program and with continuing questions on this program will be conducted, we will learn on how the program will proceed with lessons being learned as we move forward with this program.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills: None

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

Action Resulting from Executive Session- None

Adjournment:

Then Gerald Earing moved, seconded by Steven Lovell, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission