

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2020 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Kathy Arbogast, County Board Member Gina Manker, County Executive Director Alina Hartley

Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented about the agenda for this May 5, 2020 meeting. Paul Ritter then moved, seconded by Gerald Earing, that this agenda be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Jason Bunting then referred to the minutes of the March 3, 2020 committee meeting. Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that these meetings minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Solid Waste Report – Review of a synopsis of solid waste related documents:

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, and NPDES reports. New cell construction is taking place with continued plans to have the cell area ready to accept waste late this fall. New gas system work is also taking place at the landfill. Litter along the I-55/Rt. 66 area should be collected when it is safe, taking the area road construction into consideration. In regards to the Streator Area Landfill comments were made about gas well X309 have an observed exceedance in methane, and about the annual report, and the annual emission report, along with correspondence relating to new post closure costs. Monthly host fee information was also provided to the committee.

Recycling Matters:

A discussion took place in regards to the 2020 electronics recycling event originally planned for April 18, 2020 in Fairbury has been postponed to June 20, 2020. This event date will be further discussed around June 1, with considerations as to the status of the COVID19 pandemic and the status of the Restore Illinois plan. A second event for this year will be discussed in the future.

Wind Energy Update:

The considerations of new wind energy development in the county have been delayed because of the COVID 19 Pandemic situation.

Coronavirus Update:

A coronavirus COVID 19 discussion took place centering on the newly released Restore Illinois, a public health approach to safely reopen our state. Though it is worthy to have a plan to reopen Illinois, concerns of the plan to reopen Illinois were also mentioned.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee: None

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$1,321.50 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from February 14, 2020 to April 15, 2020 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 to the committee. Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that this committee approve the payment of this invoice. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

Adjournment:

Gerald Earing moved, seconded by John Slagel, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission