

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 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 and Tim Shafer.

Absent: John Slagel.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: Non committee County Board Members, Gina Manker, Jim Blackard, Linda Amborse and Bob Weller, County Executive Director Alina Hartley, and County Network and Computer Systems Administrator Jon Sear.

Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented about the agenda for this June 2, 2020 meeting. Gerald Earing then moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, 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 May 5, 2020 committee meeting. Patrick Killian 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 for Livingston Landfill focused on reports regarding the landfill gas system, groundwater testing results and an annual report that noted the expected closure date for the facility is in the year 2041. New cell construction continues with continued plans to have the cell area ready to accept waste late this fall. Deigan and Associates reported that nothing out of the ordinary was indicated in the results from the groundwater split sample program for this facility. In regards to the Streator Area Landfill comments were made about Deigan and Associates participation in an annual program for split sampling and testing of ground water wells. The Deigan and Associates representative reported that everything looked good at the Streator Area Landfill, probably the best he is seen it. Monthly host fee information was also provided to the committee, and discussed in relation to less waste being generated during the COVID 19 stay at home period, because of many commercial and industrial businesses being closed, with no waste being generated while those businesses are closed.

Recycling Matters:

A discussion took place in regards to the postponed 2020 electronics recycling in Fairbury now scheduled to take place on June 20, 2020. Unless unforeseen circumstances come up this event will take place with plans to operate it according to guidelines pertaining to the COVID19 pandemic and the Restore Illinois plan. Assistance for the operation of the program was discussed, but such assistance will need to be limited to comply with the COVID 19 Restore Illinois Guidelines.

Wind Energy Update:

The considerations of new wind energy development in the county continue to be delayed because of the COVID 19 Pandemic situation.

Solar Energy Update:

Comments were made that clean energy issues were not addressed during the COVID 19 shortened Illinois Legislature Spring Session. This lack of action will delay the progress of some commercial solar projects, until at least after the Illinois Legislature's fall session. There is interest in a larger commercial solar energy project in the area of the Cayuga Ridge wind farm.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

County zoning regulations in regard to airports were discussed. Areas to be discussed at the next meeting of this committee will be setback requirements and the approval of airports as a special use by the County Board as opposed to the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$2,576.00 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from April 15, 2020 to May 12, 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. Paul Ritter 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 Steven Lovell, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission