

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2021 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m..

Present: Jason Bunting, Gerald Earing, Scott Mennenga, Steven Lovell and John Slagel, Tim Shafer, Paul Ritter

Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Heil

Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented about the agenda for this April 6, 2021 meeting noting an amendment to exclude executive session. Steven Lovell 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 March 2, 2021 committee meeting. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Scott Mennenga, that these meetings minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Briefing on Solid Waste:

The zoning assistant administrator presented an update on information relating to the Livingston landfill. The assistant administrator noted the commencement of construction of the new cell in November of 2021 as well as the movement of the Enbridge pipeline to accommodate the new construction. The assistant administrator then noted that cleanup crews from Republic are being sent to cleanup litter along the I-55/Route 66 corridor between Pontiac and Dwight. Paul Ritter then posed the question about how things could be improved to prevent the litter from dispersing throughout the area in the first place rather than constantly having to send cleanup crews out to pick it up. Ritter noted that this has been a consistent problem for many years and that there has been no improvement to the root of the issue. There was then discussion amongst members of the committee about how the root cause of this problem can be fixed. The assistant administrator stated he would contact Gary Deigan to setup a conference call with Republic to discuss possible solutions.

Electronic Recycling Discussion:

The zoning assistant administrator noted that June 12, 2021 has been set for the electronic recycling event at the old K-Mart parking lot in Pontiac from 9 AM until 1 PM. There was discussion between committee members as to the logistics of the event and making sure that there is adequate equipment to handle the volume of material that is anticipated to be collected. There was also discussion about the cleanup of the site once the event is over and who can be contacted to help.

Emergency Operations Plan Update:

The assistant administrator informed members of the committee that an EOP had been submitted to IEMA and that IEMA had met a week prior in Springfield to go over the EOP's to note corrections that need to be made for accreditation. The assistant administrator stated that he was waiting to receive the needed corrections and would have 60 days to make corrections once received.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

IEMA Enbridge Incident

The zoning assistant administrator gave committee members a brief overview of an oil spill that had occurred at Flanagan Terminal of Enbridge on February 23, 2021. One barrel of oil had been spilled and was cleaned up by March 9 with no impacts to water sources.

Anhydrous Ammonia Spill

The zoning assistant administrator notified members of the committee that there had been an anhydrous ammonia spill near Gridley the morning of this meeting date and that one farmer had been hospitalized at an unknown location with unknown status.

Meeting With Heritage Prairie Wind Project

The zoning assistant administrator informed members of the committee that he and the administrator met with Kelly O'Brien from the Heritage Prairie wind energy project and received an update on the project's timeline as well as clarified questions that Ms. O'Brien had.

The zoning assistant administrator also noted that the most up-to-date wind energy ordinance for the county has been submitted to Municode to be posted to the online ordinance section of the Livingston County website.

The assistant administrator also commented to committee members that he had removed all recycled batteries from the historic courthouse that had been collected by the zoning office

Public Comment:

Mark Heil, 15863 E. 2120 North Rd., Pontiac, IL, was present at the meeting and commented about the Enbridge oil spill and informed committee members of some of the processes that go into cleaning up an oil spill. Mr. Heil also mentioned an oil spill that occurred in Michigan that took many years to cleanup and was still not satisfactory to the EPA.

Mr. Heil also offered some suggestions about improving the litter along the I-55/Route 66 corridor by involving surrounding counties as well as IDOT to manage the litter that is being deposited in the area. Mr. Heil related to committee members that he frequently travels I-55 and sees litter along the highway on a consistent basis.

Lastly, Mr. Heil commented about the smell that comes from the landfill due to living in close proximity to the area. Mr. Heil stated that the most noticeable times of odor occurs during mild wind out of the West with wet conditions.

Review and Approval of Bills:

One bill from Deigan and Associates in the amount of \$399.50 was introduced by the chairman. It was then moved by Steven Lovell, seconded by Gerald Earing to approve the payment of the bill. The motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

Adjournment:

Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Scott Mennenga, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Jesse J. King, Assistant Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission