

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2022 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Tim Shafer, Gerald Earing, Scott Mennenga, John Slagel, and Paul Ritter

Absent Jason Bunting and Steven Lovell

Committee Vice Chair Ritter commented about the agenda for this March 9, 2022 meeting. With no needed corrections or amendments noted, Gerald Earing moved, seconded by Scott Mennenga that this agenda be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Committee Chair Bunting then referred to the minutes of the February 8, 2022 committee meeting. Tim Shafer then moved, seconded by John Slagel that the February 8, 2022 minutes be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Business:

Airport Setback Discussion:

The assistant zoning administrator noted a couple of definitions of airports that are listed in the Illinois Compiled Statutes as a legal definition by the state as requested from the previous meeting.

The assistant administrator then related to board members that he had spoken with a couple members of the Illinois Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division for guidance on airport setbacks. The assistant administrator noted that IDOT did not provide any guidance on the matter and that their main focus on flight safety is just ensuring that there is plenty of room for takeoff and landing to and from the runway.

It was suggested by board members that the zoning office research ordinances from around the country to see if there are examples of airport setback distances that have been established by other counties around the country.

There was also a suggestion to reach out to the state's attorney's office to see if there are any case law examples of litigation involving airports and setback-related issues.

Briefing on Solid Waste:

The zoning administrator then provided an update on the Livingston and Streator landfills to board members.

The documents provided by CEC over the month of February were noted to board members which included information regarding ongoing water sampling as well as requests by the Livingston

Landfill to the IEPA for increases in limits on ammonia, arsenic, and pH due to a believed natural phenomena or random errors that could be attributing to higher levels of those parameters.

The assistant administrator gave board members a summary on a conference call that was held with Republic, County zoning office, and Gary Diegan. In the conference call, an update was given on the pipeline relocation project regarding its timeline. It was also related that the soil that the landfill has been taking in from the Nicor project in McLean County has not been as much of an issue as had previously been anticipated.

It was also noted to board members that there was a CPI increase in the host fee that will soon take effect.

E-Recycling Discussion:

The assistant zoning administrator then presented the flyer that had been created for the April 2nd electronic recycling event that will be held at the old K-Mart parking lot in Pontiac. The assistant administrator noted that the flyer had been shared with various entities throughout the county and that it is very well shared. It was also noted that Livingston County Probation has also been contacted to help acquire volunteers to help at the event. The assistant administrator also noted that event insurance has also been acquired for the collection event.

There was then discussion about the logistics of the event to attempt to correct issues that were noted the last time the event was held at this location.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The zoning administrator discussed the recent open house that was held by EDF Renewables in Cullom and that there was a majority of a positive turnout for the event and that there were no noted objections to the project at the open house.

The zoning administrator then mentioned solar developments in the county and that the county is starting to see an increased interest in companies developing utility sized solar developments within Livingston County.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills: None

Adjournment:

With there being no further business to come before the committee, there was a motion by Scott Mennenga, seconded by John Slagel to adjourn. The motion was carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m..

Jesse J. King, Assistant Administrator
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