

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES

POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 23, 2007

Brookens Administrative Center, Lyle Shields Meeting Room
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

6:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betz (Chair), Gross, Hogue, Hunt, Knott, McGinty, Moser, Putman, Schroeder

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kat Bork (Recording Secretary), Deb Busey (County Administrator of Finance & HR Management), John Hall (Planning & Zoning Director), Susan McGrath (Senior Assistant State's Attorney), C. Pius Weibel (County Board Chair), Barbara Wysocki (County Board member)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Betz called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Betz, Gross, Hogue, McGinty, Moser, Putman, and Schroeder were present at the time of the roll call. Betz declared a quorum and proceeded with the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by McGinty to approve the agenda; seconded by Hogue. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

COUNTY BOARD

Steering Committee to Guide Preparation of Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan

The revised resolution appointing the Steering Committee to Guide Preparation of Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan was distributed. Weibel stated those individuals listed on the resolution are his nominations for the Steering Committee.

MOTION by McGinty to approve the Resolution Appointing Steering Committee to Guide Preparation of Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan; seconded by Schroeder.

Weibel stated the Steering Committee includes Wysocki as Committee Chair and Schroeder as Committee Vice-Chair. Putman asked if it was Weibel's desire for the County Board to approve all the nominees on the list as one group without modifications being made. Weibel confirmed that was his hope. Betz said the list could be divided into individuals or approved as a whole. Putman was disappointed that she

did not see a particular name on the Steering Committee. Putman expressed concerns about the Newcomb Township Supervisor as a nominee, who she thinks will be polarizing and would stand in the way of progress. She requested a substitute name to replace Herb Schildt. Schroeder said the gentleman in question is related to someone who was very outspoken during public participation at County Board meetings and the radio. Schroeder was told by party colleagues that Schildt was not in the same category as his relative and is more level-headed. Moser said he is the head of the Newcomb Township Planning Commission. Putman said Schildt spoke at CZOR hearings about how zoning constituted an unlawfully taking and was unconstitutional. She thinks this is a problem. Weibel said he and Wysocki tried to get as wide a spectrum as possible, therefore, some people who are included might be consider fringe elements by others. Schildt would represent one vote. They felt it was important for those voices to be heard.

Knott entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Putman said she saw the wisdom in making people feel that they have a seat at the table. She said she might vote differently at this committee meeting than how she votes at the Board meeting later tonight.

Hunt entered the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Schroeder thanked Weibel for his work in assembling and evaluating the candidates. Weibel said Wysocki and Hall did more work than he. Schroeder extended his thanks to Wysocki and Hall. Schroeder noted the Steering Committee membership tried to achieve as broad a spectrum of different viewpoints as they could. He felt this worked well and the list of nominees is fair. Schroeder would like letters sent to every applicant to inform them whether or not they were appointed. Wysocki stated an orientation packet is being mailed to the eighteen Steering Committee members tomorrow. The first meeting of the committee is scheduled for next Thursday at 7:30 a.m. Weibel confirmed it is standard procedure to mail letters notifying all applicants if they were or were not appointed.

Betz said has voted against this issue because he thought it was a prescription for paralysis. He will support it tonight and will try to be optimistic. Betz ordered a roll call vote.

Motion carried with a vote of 7 to 1. Betz, Hogue, Hunt, Knott, McGinty, Moser, Putman, and Schroeder voted in favor of the motion. Gross voted against the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork
Administrative Secretary

Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.