



**Champaign County Board
Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC)
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**

MINUTES – Approved as distributed 10/9/2014

DATE: Thursday, September 4, 2014
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members

Present	Absent
Ralph Langenheim (Chair)	
Aaron Esry (Vice Chair)	
	Astrid Berkson
Stan Harper	
Alan Kurtz	
Pattsi Petrie	
Jon Schroeder	

County Staff: Deb Busey (County Administrator), John Hall (Director of Planning & Zoning), Beth Brunk (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Susan Monte (Regional Planning Commission), John Jay (Champaign County Board)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Langenheim called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A verbal roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. ELUC Committee meeting – August 7, 2014

MOTION by Mr. Kurtz to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2014 ELUC meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Harper. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Esry to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mr. Kurtz. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

Randy Hopkins – favored the map amendment for Case 771-AM-14

Clark Bullard, James Beauchamp, Stuart Levy, Glynnis Collins, Frank DiNovo, Sharon DeCelle – Against resolution to oppose the expansion of the federal definition of “Waters of the United States”

Lin Warfel, Scott Kesler, Russell Buhr – For resolution to oppose the expansion of the federal definition of “Waters of the United States”

William Neef – wants County to control Canada thistle on neighbor’s property as noxious weed & tight turn radius in County subdivision cul-de-sac does not allow a school bus to get through

VI. Communications

None

VII. For Information Only

A. Cancellation of October 11, 2014 Countywide Residential Electronics Collection

The countywide residential electronics collection scheduled in October has been canceled because the contractor has withdrawn. Mr. Kurtz asked if we could find another contractor. Ms. Monte replied that other contracts will be bid in the spring when manufacturers need to fill their quotas. Ms. Petrie inquired if there would be some education for the public on alternatives for electronic recycling until another collection occurs. Ms. Monte indicated that cards have been distributed to publicize alternative options available to residents. Additional money from the grant may be used for a publicity campaign.

VIII. Items to be Approved by ELUC for Recommendation to the County Board

A. Case 771-AM-14 – Recommendation to Approve a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district designation from B-3 Highway Business to B-4 General Business - Randy & Sue Hopkins dba Atlantic Services, Inc.

On 8/28/14, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval of this map amendment with the standard right to farm resolution condition.

MOTION by Mr. Esry to approve the zoning map amendment for Randy and Sue Hopkins dba Atlantic Services, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Resolution to Oppose the Expansion of the Federal Definition of “Waters of the United States” to Include Non-navigable Ditches and Stormwater Flows in Communities FY2015 County Planning Contract Proposal

Mr. Kurtz indicated that he has not had the time to thoroughly examine this issue. Ms. Petrie thought this federal ruling should be examined from a broader national perspective. She would like Jeff Blue, County Engineer and John Hall, Director of Planning & Zoning to analyze the EPA ruling and advise ELUC members as to the implications for the County. Mr. Schroeder, Mr. Esry and Mr. Harper were skeptical of the regulations proposed by the EPA.

MOTION by Mr. Kurtz to defer the resolution to oppose the expansion of the federal definition of “Waters of the United States” to the 10/9/14 ELUC meeting so staff can research the ramifications of the EPA ruling for Champaign County; seconded by Ms. Petrie. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IX. Monthly Reports

A. July 2014

MOTION by Mr. Esry to receive and place on file the Planning & Zoning Monthly Reports for July 2014; seconded by Mr. Kurtz. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

X. Other Business

Mr. Schroeder commented that the County may want to establish a noxious weed officer in the future maybe through the University's Weed Science Department. Mr. Esry noted that the County had another complaint about Canada thistle in the Broadlands area. Mr. Hall stated that there are extensive state statutes on noxious weeds in place but the County has not done everything that the rule requires due to limited resources. In most cases, the landowner complies once they have been notified of the violation by the Planning & Zoning Department.

XI. Chair's Report

None

XII. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

Ms. Busey reported that the State's Attorney has recommended that the closed session minutes should remain closed pursuant to Resolution No. 7969.

XIII. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

VIII. A.

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Schroeder to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kurtz. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. There being no further business, Mr. Langenheim adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.