



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

MINUTES – APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED 8/6/15

DATE: Thursday, June 4, 2015
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members

Present	Absent
Aaron Esry (Chair)	
C. Pius Weibel (Vice Chair)	
Astrid Berkson	
Stan Harper	
	Pattsi Petrie
Jon Schroeder	
Sam Shore	

County Staff: Deb Busey (County Administrator), John Hall (Zoning Administrator), Brian Nolan (Recording Secretary)
Others Present: Susan Monte (Regional Planning Commission)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Esry called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Ms. Berkson to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mr. Harper. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. ELUC Committee meeting – May 7, 2015

MOTION by Mr. Shore to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 ELUC meeting as distributed; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

None

Mr. Weibel entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

VI. Communications

Mr. Esry reminded the board of Ms. Petrie’s absence from the meeting.

VII. Items for Information Only

A. HB3523 Wind Energy Facilities Construction and Deconstruction Act

Ms. Berkson asked if this law is weaker than the law currently in place in Champaign County. Mr. Hall noted that it is probably weaker; however, administrative rules are not yet implemented and it is difficult to determine its impact. Ms. Berkson asked why this is the first time the board is hearing of this law when previous state laws were discussed by board members before they passed. Mr. Hall suspected that the law received enough support behind the scenes to quickly pass. Additionally, Mr. Hall noted that several counties in Illinois do not have the level of requirements that Champaign County has for wind energy facilities and they will be happy to see this law implemented. Mr. Esry asked if current wind energy operators will comply with the state’s new requirements once they renew their special use permit with the county. Mr. Hall reminded the board that special use permits do not expire. New permits for new turbines will need to comply with HB3523.

B. Summary: Proposed Update to Champaign County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

Ms. Monte noted that the full draft of the Champaign County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan will be placed online on June 9th for public review. The update has been ongoing for the past year, and a 6 month extension was granted to receive and review approval by all municipalities in Champaign County.

Updates and risk assessments were made in accordance to FEMA requirements and guidelines. Two technical hazards were added to the update: Hazardous Waste Transport and Storage and Active Shooter Scenarios in Schools. Mitigation Actions were the main focus of the update. Maintenance and implementation of the plan will continue as usual.

Mr. Weibel asked Ms. Monte is hazardous waste spills include those along railroad lines. Ms. Monte confirmed. Mitigation actions have not been identified, but railroad spills have been profiled as a hazard. Mr. Schroder and Mr. Weibel noted that railroad lines may be carrying oil and ethanol, and mitigation actions should be researched in the event a spill occurs.

C. FY2015 County Planning Contract Status Update

Ms. Monte noted the work plan is approximately 37% complete and no major delays are expected.

VIII. Items to Receive & Place On File by ELUC Committee to allow for 60 day Review Period

A. FY2016 County Planning Contract Proposal

MOTION by Mr. Shore to receive and place on file the FY2016 County Planning Contract Proposal; seconded by Mr. Harper.

Ms. Busey noted that a 4% reduction is needed in this item to comply with the General Corporate Fund budget that the County Board approved.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IX. Items to be Recommended to the County Board

A. *Annexation Petition for Champaign County Property located at 2603 Campbell Drive, Champaign*

MOTION by Mr. Schroeder to recommend the Annexation Petition for Champaign County Property located at 2603 Campbell Drive, Champaign; seconded by Mr. Weibel.

Mr. Weibel asked who is annexing what. Mr. Hall noted that the City of Champaign is annexing the property in question. Mr. Weibel asked where the property is located. Mr. Hall noted that it is located in Dobbins Downs.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. *Adjustment to FY2015 Planning Contract*

MOTION by Mr. Weibel to recommend the adjustment to FY2015 Planning Contract; seconded by Mr. Shore.

Ms. Berkson asked if coolants will continue to be used while a review is conducted. Ms. Monte confirmed. Ms. Berkson asked who issues permits for coolants. Ms. Monte noted that the Public Health Department issues permits. Ms. Berkson asked what type of coolant the County uses. Ms. Monte noted she would need to check. Mr. Shore asked if the portion being displaced in the contract will return at a later time. Ms. Monte noted that the item will return in 2017.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

X. Items to be Approved by ELUC

A. *A revised timeline for prosecuting current dangerous structure cases*

MOTION by Mr. Weibel to approve Table 1 in the revised timeline for prosecuting current dangerous structure cases; seconded by Ms. Berkson.

Mr. Weibel noted that he moved to approve Table 1 due to the lower initial 2 year costs. Mr. Hall noted that overall costs are greater in Table 1. Mr. Weibel asked if the EPA allows underground tanks at the former gas station in the timeline to be left untouched. Mr. Hall noted that the EPA directly recommended the tanks be left as is. Mr. Shore asked if the levels of funding for FY2016 and FY2017 are reasonable. Ms. Busey noted that the budget process resolution directs Mr. Hall to prepare his FY2016 budget with a 4% reduction in cost and future operational changes will not occur with the FY2016 budget. Ms. Busey will ask Mr. Hall to submit an optimal operational planning statement in order to address the timeline for prosecuting current dangerous structure cases. Ms. Busey noted that it is highly unlikely that funding will be available for these projects in the FY2016 budget.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. *Provide an inter-committee memo to the Finance Committee in support of a Future Operational Change for the Property Clearance line item in the Department of Planning and Zoning Budget including an estimated \$70,100 in FY2016.*

Ms. Busey recommended an amendment be included that asks the Zoning Administrator to prepare the inter-committee memo information to be presented with the FY2016 budget rather than an inter-committee memo to the Finance Committee.

MOTION by Mr. Harper to approve providing an inter-committee memo to the Finance Committee in support of a Future Operational Change for the Property Clearance line item in the Department of Planning and Zoning Budget including an estimated \$70,100 in FY2016 with Ms. Busey's recommended

amendment; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

XI. Monthly Reports

A. *April 2015*

MOTION by Mr. Esry to accept and place on file the monthly reports for April 2015.

XII. Other Business

Mr. Esry asked for an update on the Carroll Addition Subdivision in regards to the garbage and debris clean up. Mr. Hall noted that a fence has been erected and a court date is set for July 23, 2015.

XIII. Chair's Report

None

XIV. Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda

IX.A, IX.B

XV. Next Meeting Date

A. *July 9, 2015 – Determination to Cancel*

Mr. Esry noted that July meetings are typically cancelled and asked the board for their recommendation.

MOTION by Mr. Weibel to cancel the July 9, 2015 ELUC Committee Meeting; seconded by Ms. Berkson.

Mr. Hall noted that he does not have any items to place on the agenda for July. Mr. Shore asked if ELUC will need to take an immediate action on items pulled from the Consent Agenda in July. Mr. Hall noted that neither of the items are facing a deadline.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Berkson to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Shore. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. There being no further business, Mr. Esry adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.