



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

MINUTES – APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED 6/9/16

DATE: Thursday, May 5, 2016
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
Patti Petrie	
Jon Schroeder	

County Staff: Rick Snider (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 6:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda and Addendum

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. ELUC Committee meeting – April 7, 2016

MOTION by Ms. Petrie to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 ELUC meeting as distributed; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

Germaine Light came to show support for the Middle Fork Campaign to Protect the Middle Fork from Coal Ash Pollution. Ms. Light distributed a flyer to the committee on behalf of the Middle Fork Coal Ash Group in order spread awareness of their efforts to hold Dynegy responsible for coal ash pollution in the Middle Fork River.

VI. Communications

Chair Esry informed that committee that Sam Shore has resigned from the Champaign County Board.

VII. For Information Only

A. *Update regarding assistance to Wilber Heights*

Ms. Monte reported to the committee that the August 16th deadline for the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Grant will not be met due to funding limitations for construction design documents. However, it is noted that IDOT Jurisdictional Transfer Funds are still available for use on this project.

Ms. Monte explained that after discussions were held with the County Highway Engineer, it was determined that an abbreviated version of the project that focuses on the reconstruction of Wilber Ave. will be easier to pursue. Funding allocation as well as discussions with residents and businesses in the project area will be easier to complete if the project is separated into similar parts. Additional discussions will be held with Somer Townships, City of Champaign and the County Highway Engineer in order to determine the best options for funding.

Additionally, Ms. Monte shared updated survey responses from residents and businesses in the project area. Many residents and businesses do not support paying an amount of money for any improvements. Ms. Monte will send another survey to residents and businesses once an abbreviated version of the project has been determined.

Ms. Petrie asked if residents, who do not support paying extra for improvements, understand that once drainage ditches have been cleared in front of their properties that they will no longer be able to use filled drainage ditches as parking areas. Ms. Monte explained that it is too difficult to determine due to the limited scope of the survey results. Ms. Petrie asked if an update will be provided about the abbreviated project schedule at next month's ELUC meeting. Ms. Monte confirmed.

Ms. Petrie asked for additional clarification in regards to funding limitations for the CDAP application and the inability to meet the grant application deadline. Ms. Monte explained that CDAP no longer funds design documents. Fully completed design documents and a construction permit from the Illinois EPA both need to be included in the CDAP application in order to be fully considered for the grant. Ms. Petrie asked if funding for the design documents is the main deterrent for submitting the application by the August deadline. Ms. Monte confirmed. Ms. Petrie asked if the deadline could be met if funding was allocated for the design documents to be completed. Ms. Monte noted that it is too hard to determine. Ms. Monte asked what additional help is needed to meet the August deadline. Ms. Monte noted immediate money is needed and bid procedures need to be researched to see what is needed for obtaining the design documents. Ms. Petrie asked for an approximate amount of the money that is included with the grant. Ms. Monte explained that the CDAP grant is limited to \$450,000 to cover 75% of construction costs.

B. *Update regarding Work Plan for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Storm Water Discharge Permit for the remainder of 2016 and for 2017*

Mr. Hall reported significant deadlines are coming in the near future for the MS4 program. Intern hours and planning contract hours are being moved around to make this item a priority. Ms. Petrie asked the board to explore any and all options in the community to provide Mr. Hall with support to complete this project. Mr. Schroeder and Ms. Esry supported Ms. Petrie's comments.

C. *Letter and Draft County Board Resolution regarding Electronics Collections*

Ms. Monte provided a letter template for potential County Board member individual use and for potential dissemination to constituents to urge Illinois General Assembly members to support legislation to improve convenience and access to electronics collection options. A draft resolution addressing the collections crisis is also provided if ELUC committee members decide to recommend it to the Champaign County Board Policy Committee. These items are included as drafts and information items for the committee's consideration.

Mr. Weibel noted that he is concerned the General Assembly will recess without a bill being passed to address the electronics collection crisis. Mr. Weibel additionally noted that the letter and resolution should not be considered until the General Assembly passes a bill.

Ms. Petrie asked for clarification in regards to the pushback Ms. Monte anticipates during the upcoming collection. Ms. Monte explained that residents may be angry due to limits placed on collections by local governments.

D. *Middle Fork Campaign to Protect the Middle Fork from Coal Ash Pollution*

Ms. Monte provided the board with information regarding Dynegy's coal ash pits that are located within the Middle Fork floodplain. Mr. Esry noted that Ms. Light is available to provide any additional information about the Middle Fork pollution.

Ms. Petrie asked if any other communities support the Middle Fork Campaign. Ms. Light noted that the Site Supervisor of the Kickapoo State Park is currently involved with the campaign, and she is working to get in contact with representatives in Vermillion County. Ms. Petrie asked Ms. Light to share any future updates on this campaign with Chair Esry. Mr. Esry confirmed.

Mr. Snider asked if coal ash is recyclable and able to be used as a concrete additive. Ms. Light noted that she will need to conduct more research in order to provide the correct answer. Mr. Weibel noted that it can be used as an additive in bricks and concrete but it would need to come from a fresh source and not the type of coal ash that is currently found at Middle Fork. Mr. Schroeder noted that is used for sealing County highways and in certain asphalt mixes.

VIII. **Items to be Approved by ELUC**

- A. *Recreation & Entertainment License: Maria Guadalupe Flores Rogas d.b.a. El Dorado Corp. for Mexican dancing at the Champaign County Fair Association Fairgrounds, 1302 North Coler Avenue, Urbana IL, June 25 – June 26, 2016.*

MOTION by Mr. Schroeder to approve the Recreation & Entertainment License: Maria Guadalupe Flores Rogas d.b.a. El Dorado Corp. for Mexican dancing at the Champaign County Fair Association Fairgrounds, 1302 North Coler Avenue, Urbana IL, June 25 – June 26, 2016; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IX. **Items to be Recommended to the County Board**

- A. *Proposed Minor Amendments to the Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan*

Ms. Monte noted that this item is returning to the committee after a 30-day review period. Additional research was collected and was added accordingly.

MOTION by Ms. Petrie to approve the Proposed Minor Amendments to the Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- B. *Annual Facility Inspection Report for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Storm Water Discharge Permit with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for the period 4/1/15 – 3/31/16.*

MOTION by Mr. Weibel to approve Annual Facility Inspection Report for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Storm Water Discharge Permit with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for the period 4/1/15 – 3/31/16; seconded by Ms. Berkson.

Mr. Hall noted that the distributed report is yet completed. Changes are forthcoming and an updated version will be provided at the upcoming County Board meeting. Ms. Petrie asked for this item to not be included on the consent agenda.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. This item will not be included on the consent agenda due to Ms. Petrie's request.

X. Other Business

None

XI. Chair's Report

None

XII. Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda

IX. A.

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Berkson to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Petrie. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. There being no further business, Mr. Esry adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.