



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

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed 5/8/14

DATE: Thursday, April 10, 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: John Jay (Champaign Co Board), Andrew Levy (Regional Planning Commission)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Langenheim 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 Minutes

A. ELUC Committee meeting – March 6, 2014

MOTION by Ms. Berkson to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2014 ELUC meeting as distributed; seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Agenda

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

V. Public Participation

Annette Stumpf discussed the positive aspects of the Environmental Advisory (Blue Ribbon) Panel 2004 report as she helped prepare the document. Jean Fisher discussed possible updated zoning ordinances to protect the Conservation District where she lives.

VI. Communications

None

VII. Items Provided for Information Only

A. Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) Program to Establish a Water Supply Management Framework in Champaign County

Mr. Levy gave a brief overview of a program that CCRPC has developed to seek strategies for the extension of groundwater availability in Champaign County. Advisory and Expert panels including local government officials, key stakeholders and experienced professionals will be created to guide the establishment of a coordinated water supply management framework. Mr. Levy anticipates this process will take approximately 8 months. One proposed outcome will be better coordination between local governments in water management issues.

Ms. Petrie commented that Senate Bill 824 is moving through the state legislature supporting the use of gray water. She encouraged contacting our legislators to endorse this bill. Mr. Levy reported that he has been talking to Brad Uken of the Champaign County Farm Bureau to determine next steps for this program.

B. Environmental Advisory (Blue Ribbon) Panel 2004 Report

Ms. Petrie listened to a talk by Gary Jackson, one the writers of the Blue Ribbon Panel report, on Champaign County’s Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP). She would like to have Planning and Zoning staff examine this 2004 report to determine what recommendations have been implemented and those that have not been covered in the LRMP. Mr. Hall noted that the LRMP, Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) revisions and recent efforts on water planning were recommended in the Blue Ribbon Panel Report and now exist. The County has implemented many recommendations from that report in the last 10 years, and some in the LRMP have yet to be completed.

Mr. Kurtz thought it would be more prudent use of Mr. Hall’s time to work on the existing LRMP to complete the goals and objectives that are already outlined in the document. Ms. Petrie opined that Planning & Zoning interns could delineate those items in the Blue Ribbon Panel Report that has not been addressed in the LRMP to help focus on what land use issues should be prioritized for next year.

VIII. Items to be Approved by ELUC

A. Recreation & Entertainment License: Champaign County Fair Association (Christian music festival) – 1302 North Coler Avenue, Urbana, IL – July 2-6, 2014

MOTION by Mr. Schroeder to approve the Recreation and Entertainment license for the Christian Music Festival at the County Fairgrounds; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Recreation & Entertainment License: The Oasis – 2705 CR 3000N, Penfield, IL – 3/14/14-12/31/14

MOTION by Mr. Harper to approve the 2014 Recreation and Entertainment license for the Oasis in Penfield; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- C. *Authorize the Department of Planning and Zoning to make handouts available to interested landowners regarding voluntary establishment of public-private partnerships to conserve woodlands and other significant areas of natural environmental quality in Champaign County and regarding site-specific natural resource management guidelines*

MOTION by Mr. Kurtz to approve the distribution of pamphlets regarding voluntary establishment of public-private partnerships; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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

- A. *Minor Amendments for the Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP)*

MOTION by Mr. Kurtz to recommend approval of minor amendments to the Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan; seconded by Ms. Berkson.

Ms. Petrie wondered if it would be relevant to change the map to 500-year floodplain in response to climate change. Ms. Monte provided Ms. Petrie with an additional layer of the 500-year floodplain and noted that the map did not disclose the impacts of storm intensities. Ms. Monte stated that an update of the Champaign County Hazard Mitigation Plan could include a focus on the impact of increasing storm intensities. Ms. Petrie would also like to have a definition of the 100-year flood added to the document.

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

- B. *Case 768-AT-13 – Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance by amending the requirements in Section 6.1.3 for standard conditions for Restricted Landing Areas and Heliport-Restricted Landing Areas*

MOTION by Ms. Petrie to recommend approval of a Champaign County Zoning Ordinance amendment for standard conditions for Restricted Landing Areas and Heliport-Restricted Landing Areas; seconded by Mr. Kurtz. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- C. *Proposed Financial Institution for the California Ridge Wind Farm Reclamation Agreement Escrow Account to be U.S. Bank National Association*

MOTION by Mr. Kurtz to recommend approval of U.S. Bank National Association as the financial institution for the California Ridge Wind Farm Reclamation Agreement Escrow Account; seconded by Ms. Berkson.

Ms. Petrie asked if this document had been reviewed by legal counsel. Mr. Hall responded that the State's Attorney's Office has reviewed it and was satisfied.

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

- D. *Proposed Escrow Agreement for the California Ridge Wind Farm*

MOTION by Mr. Kurtz to recommend approval of the escrow agreement for the California Ridge Wind Farm; seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

X. Monthly Reports

- A. February 2014

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

XI. Other Business

None

XII. Chair's Report

None

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

IX. A, IX. B, IX. C. IX. D

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 7:10 p.m.