



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

MINUTES – APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED ON FEBRUARY 9, 2017

DATE: Thursday, January 5, 2017
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)	
Pattsi Petrie (Vice Chair)	
Bradley Clemmons	
Matt Hiser	
Robert King	
Kyle Patterson	
Jon Rector	

County Staff: Rick Snider (County Administrator), John Hall (Zoning Administrator), Tammy Asplund (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Susan Monte (Regional Planning Commission), Pius Weibel (County Board Member)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Esry 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 Agenda and Addendum

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. ELUC Committee meeting – November 3, 2016

MOTION by Ms. Petrie to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2016 ELUC meeting; seconded by Mr. Rector. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

Scott Tess (Environmental Sustainability Manager for the City of Urbana) stated that last year Urbana led a countywide bulk solar purchase program. He noted this is a way to competitively drive down the price of solar power installations at residential and commercial buildings. This program, according to Mr. Tess, is carried out throughout the country under the name of "Solarize". Mr. Tess informed the committee the

program in this area was called "Solar Urbana-Champaign". He reviewed the program and results from the 2016 program. Mr. Tess noted there was a 12% reduction in costs due to this bulk purchase program. There were 81 contracts signed in Champaign County; resulting in 605 kW of installed capacity. He noted that Chicago conducted a similar program in 2015, which resulted in 600 kW of installed capacity.

Mr. Tess reviewed the process and timeline and provided dates for the 2017 program. There will be an advisory group formed. Mr. Tess stated this program is looking for a representative to join this group. The commitment is to attend these two meetings, review the bid documents, and make a recommendation.

VI. Communications

None.

VII. For Information Only

A. IEPA used tire collection for local governments in Champaign County

Ms. Monte stated that pickup occurred in December. She commented 1400 tires were collected. Ms. Monte noted the tires are collected and shipped out of state to be incinerated for energy. The program is state-run. Ms. Petrie asked about plans for 2017. Ms. Monte agreed to submit a request for another collection in 2017.

B. Countywide Bulk Solar Energy System Purchasing Program (Solar U-C 2.0)

Mr. Tess stated the meetings will be held on January 10 and February 7 at 7:00 pm at the Urbana City Council chambers. There was discussion regarding typical costs for installation. Mr. Tess reviewed the tax breaks and incentives associated with this program. He noted the State incentives are paid out quarterly over 5 years. Mr. Tess stated there is a USDA Rural Zone incentive as well.

Mr. Snider asked what the expected life of the equipment is. Mr. Tess replied the panel warranty is 25 years; the inverters warranty is 10 years.

Mr. King asked whether minority and female business owners participated in the bid process last year. He also asked where the most installations occurred. Mr. Tess responded that the majority of the installations in 2016 happened in Urbana. He stated that no minority businesses responded; but that one woman-owned business did respond. The committee discussed the possibility there may not be many minority-run businesses of this type.

Ms. Petrie stated she hoped the educational process included discussion regarding the condition of the roof as part of the cost of the project. Mr. Tess responded this is a topic that is covered in the educational presentations. He noted the general advice given is that the roof should have close to the 25 years left.

Ms. Petrie asked whether additional power produced would be purchased by Ameren, IL. Mr. Tess responded with a review of the process for the State of IL, which is a rollover plan. He added that for a 12-month period, you are net-metered. At the end of the 12-month period, you are brought back to zero; there is no cash-out.

VIII. Items to be Approved by ELUC

A. Annual renewal of Recreation and Entertainment license

- i. Gordyville LLC, 2205 CR3000N, Gifford. 1/1/17-12/31/17
- ii. Tincup RV Park, Inc., 1715 East Tincup Road, Mahomet. 1/1/17-12/31/17
- iii. Curtis Orchard, 3902 South Duncan Road, Champaign. 1/1/17-12/31/17

Omnibus MOTION by Ms. Petrie; seconded by Mr. Rector. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. *Annual Renewal of Hotel/Motel License*

- i. Hariiohm Inc. dba Motel 6, 1906 North Cunningham Avenue, Urbana. 1/1/17-12/31/17

Ms. Petrie asked how much money is made by the County on this license. Mr. Snider agreed to get the answer and report to the committee.

MOTION by Ms. Petrie; seconded by Mr. Heiser. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IX. Items to be Recommended to the County Board

- A. *Proposed Adjustment to the Financial Assurance for the California Ridge Wind Farm (Special Use Permit Case 696-S-11)*

Mr. Hall commented this is happening a year later than it was supposed to. This case was reviewed by ELUC in October 2016. Mr. Hall stated this adjustment doubles the amount of the letter of credit, in case the wind farm experiences financial difficulties. It also increased the escrow account. The creation of jobs associated with this project was discussed.

MOTION by Ms. Petrie; seconded by Mr. Clemmons. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

X. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Mr. Esry to accept and place on file the October and November 2016 Monthly Reports.

Ms. Petrie asked for clarification regarding the number of cases reported. Mr. Hall responded the total cases completed and filed were for the fiscal year. He noted that 2016 was the highest number of cases seen since 2008. Mr. Hall informed the committee that zoning cases nearly doubled in 2016 as well.

Mr. King asked about the cleanup at the Pleasant Plains Manufactured Home Park. According to Mr. Hall, the State Department of Health stepped in and the homes have been demolished. He stated the owner continues to work to clean all of it up and the State remains involved.

XI. Other Business

None

XII. Chair's Report

None

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

IX. A.

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Rector to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Patterson. There being no further business, Mr. Esry adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.