

Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture
Committee Meeting
May 14, 2008

Members Present

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Hess, Mr. James, Mr. Marcotte, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Whitten, Ms. Hertzberger, Ms. McBride, and Mr. Washington

Members Absent

Mr. Stauffenberg

In Attendance

Mr. McLaren, Mr. Bossert, Mike Van Mill, Mike Lammey, Mike Martin, Delbert Skimerhorn, Eric Sadler, Rich Howell, Leigh Marcotte, Jeff Bennett, Jim Greenstreet, Colin Duesing, and Greg Yates

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Olthoff, at 9:00 a.m. Quorum present.

2. Public Comment

Rich Howell spoke regarding Wind Energy

3. Approval of Minutes- April 25, 2008

A motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2008 was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried.

A motion to suspend the rules and change the agenda to move to Planning was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Tripp. Motion carried.

4. Transportation

• Canadian National Railroad Purchase of the EJ & E Railroad- Presentation

Mr. Colin Duesing, Planner with the Will County Land Use Department, gave a presentation concerning CN Railroad purchasing the EJ&E Railroad the adverse affects that would cause the County.

Mr. Lammey stated the Regional Planning Commission at it's meeting of April 17, 2008, recommends the County oppose the CN Railroad's current proposal to purchase the EJ & E Railroad because of impacts to the surface traffic, and that Kankakee County recommends additional funding and study for public infrastructure to mitigate traffic safety and passenger rail issues.

A motion to support the resolution was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Tripp. Motion carried.

• FY 2009 Unified Work Program

Mr. Lammey briefly discussed the FY2009 Unified Work Program.

5. Planning

• Discussion of May 6th Accion Meeting and Recommendation

Mr. Van Mill stated he wanted to hear some feedback from this Committee as to whether or not there is any interest with the County moving forward with Accion to put a proposal together.

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Mr. McLaren stated it looked like a pretty positive program. He would like to see the County look into this further.

A motion to continue discussions to develop this program for Kankakee County was made by Mr. Scholl and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion Carried.

Mr. Olthoff stated the committee is interested in protections as far as the County's money is concerned.

- **Kankakee River Valley Enterprise Zone- Expansion (Hidden Cove Area)**

Mr. Van Mill stated this is a request for the expansion of the Enterprise Zone in the Village of Bradley for the purpose of developing a sports complex at Hidden Cover and also for the development of an age restricted townhouse development in the area.

Mr. Jeff Bennett briefly described the proposed townhouse development and sports complex to the Committee.

A motion to expand the Kankakee River Valley Enterprise Zone was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 9 ayes and 2 nays.

6. Subdivision

7. Other

8. Old/ New Business

Mr. James stated he would like the Committee to have presentation on TIFF Districts.

Ms. Hertzberger asked what is going on with the Delegation Agreement and the Solid Waste Plan.

Mr. Olthoff stated both items are being reviewed by the State's Attorney's Office. He will see if Mr. Boyd can attend the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried.

William Olthoff, Chairman

Stephanie Jackson, Executive Coordinator