

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Kankakee County Administration Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room,
189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901

June 6, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Chairman Chad Miller, Presiding; Ralph Paarlberg; Craig Blanchette; David Bergdahl; George Washington; Jeff Jarvis, Bill Bukowski, Mel Blanchette, David Stejkowski and Craig Bayston.

Others:

Michael Dobrow, State Representative Kate Cloonen's Office; Laura McElroy, The Herald; Mike Lammey, and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County Planning Department.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Dobrow, Community Outreach Coordinator for State Representative Kate Cloonen, introduced himself and invited everyone to call on Representative Cloonen for her assistance when needed.

Mr. C. Blanchette made the motion to close public comment, seconded by Mr. Bayston. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stejkowski made a motion to accept the minutes from April 18, 2013 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bergdahl. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Miller opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting with Beth M. Phelps, Reporter for Eunice Sachs and Associates Certified Court Reports, making a record of this portion of the meeting. Chairman Miller asked Mr. Lammey to proceed with his presentation.

Mr. Lammey presented the details of the **FY 2014 Transportation Improvement Program** for the Kankakee Area Transportation Study, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the urbanized area of Kankakee County. He explained the requirements for the document and for

this public hearing. He then explained the contents of the document, including urban and rural transit services, local roadway projects, state roadway projects and bicycle and pedestrian projects that are within the metropolitan planning area limits. There were no public comments and Chairman Miller closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 11:08 AM.

FY 2014 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey discussed the **FY 2014 Unified Work Program** funding sources and changes. There will be a consultant hired for the next Long Range Transportation Plan, utilizing grant funds. Mr. Lammey will be conducting interviews of references for the 4 remaining applicants during the next two weeks. The final three will then make presentations for a final selection. Work will begin in October of 2013 and continue for 18 months. There will be regular presentations to this committee and to the MPO as segments of the draft are completed, keeping everyone up-to-date on the progress and the content.

Funds that would have been used for providing transit services must now be used to pay staff for “Rural Transit Program Compliance Oversight Monitor” duties, now being required by IDOT. The new requirements are an additional burden on rural transit operators, apparently in response to an operator not properly handling funds. Mr. Washington stated that when someone is caught in some wrong doing, it has always been his policy to address the one person or agency doing wrong, not create new rules and regulations that make work more difficult for everyone. Mr. Lammey went on to explain that under the new program, funds collected by our contract operator, Show Bus, as contract service funds, it will be entered in their records, transferred to the County, then to the County Treasurer, then sent back to Show Bus and entered again into their records as a different fund source.

ILLIANA UPDATE

Mr. Lammey discussed the handout material from the Illiana May 30, 2013 meeting. It appears the Illiana will proceed as a public-private-partnership project, as a toll facility. Mr. Lammey suggested members of this committee attend the next Public Meeting on the Illiana to be held in Peotone on June 18, 2013, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There will be a meeting in Rosemont with the Governors of Illinois and Indiana on June 24, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

The apparent revival of the 3rd airport has been in the news, with IDOT having control. It appears the advancement of the Illiana pushes progress with the 3rd airport and the 3rd airport advances the Illiana.

The matter of the renewal of promoting a landfill in Kankakee County was brought up. It appears there are financial reasons for having a landfill locate in the county, hopefully reducing homeowners’ monthly waste collection costs, as well as financial needs of the County in host/tipping fees. The general consensus is that no-one will allow a new landfill to be placed near the Kankakee or Iroquois rivers, or on an aquifer. If any site is identified, this committee will probably be involved in the discussions.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 10:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Washington moved for adjournment, and Mr. C. Blanchette seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM.