

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

August 16, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

George Washington, Vice-Chairman, Presiding; Jeff Jarvis; Loretto Cowhig; Craig Blanchette; Rich Howell; Ralph Paarlberg; Dave Bergdahl; Mel Blanchette; Chris Tholen; and, Samuel Payton.

Others:

Roger Hess and Todd Sirois, Kankakee County Board Members; Del Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey, Ashley Skimerhorn and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION ON TRUCK ISSUE IN EASTERN KANKAKEE COUNTY

Mr. Van Mill gave a presentation on high truck traffic impacts in Eastern Kankakee County, highlighting the report just completed on that study. Discussion included the increased roadway deterioration due to the high truck traffic volumes, the perceived increase in traffic crashes in some segments, such as IL Rt 114, east of Momence, the increased cost of roadway maintenance, and dilemma of reduced Motor Fuel Tax funds to repair roadways. One conclusion of this Study is that there is a need for the Illiana Expressway to be built, with the proposed B3 alignment appearing to be most helpful in alleviating the high truck traffic problems our County is currently facing.

Mr. C. Blanchette made a motion to forward a copy of this final document to IDOT to be added to documentation for the Illiana Study. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bergdahl. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the February 23, 2012 and the June 7, 2012 meetings were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bergdahl, seconded by Mr. C. Blanchette. Motion carried.

ILLIANA UPDATE

Mr. Lammey explained that the B3 alignment is favored by the Illiana Study. Now is the time for as much public support as possible to be forwarded to the Illiana Study, through their website or by letter. Everyone present was encouraged to forward their support as individuals or the businesses they represent. There will be a presentation concerning the Illiana Expressway at the Kankakee Public Library on September 13, 2012 at 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM. There will be a presentation, with a large display set up. All are encouraged to attend.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

Mr. Lammey discussed the fact that there are a large number on the subcommittee, which can lead to issues of having a quorum at a meeting. Nine current members have been sent letters asking if they wish to continue to be on the Regional Planning Commission, as their terms are about to expire. They could then be re-appointed, or replacements sought. The make-up and size of this subcommittee will then need to be addressed by the Regional Planning Commission. The Annual Meeting for the Regional Planning Commission is on September 25, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the 4th Floor Board Room.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 10:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bergdahl moved for adjournment, and Mr. C. Blanchette seconded. Motion passed. Vice-Chairman Washington adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.