

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
AUGUST 28, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Ralph Paarlberg, Rich Howell, Chad Miller, Dave Bergdahl, Bud Bates, Mel Blanchette, Bill Bukowski and Loretto Cowhig

Others:

Mike Lammey, Del Skimerhorn, Mark Rogers and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Laurie Cyr, Bourbonnais

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M. He gave a report to the members on action of the PZA Committee on reappointment recommendations, and on attendance reporting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Bates moved approval of the June 5, 2008 Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee minutes. Mr. Paarlberg seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

RURAL TRANSIT ISSUES

Mr. Lammey stated that the issue of transit in Kankakee County is somewhat complicated, and that he would try to explain the two separate transit services funded either in part or in whole to the Subcommittee. He presented the differing rules for rural transit service and urban transit service, and gave examples. In response to a number of questions about potential service options, he stated which would or would not be allowable. He explained the current rural transit service, provided by SHOW BUS under contract to Kankakee County, and answered questions about how this service operates.

Mr. Lammey stated that for the first time, Kankakee County was now eligible for state funding for rural transit, and that this would allow for two expansions of the current service. He explained that the first expansion would be the reinstatement of special medical service, where individuals with medical issues could be provided transportation to medical facilities in the urban area. A number of questions were raised about how this service would operate.

Mr. Lammey stated that the second expansion under consideration was the provision of work trip transit service to a major employer in the City of Momence, and explained some of the issues involved in planning for this service.

URBAN TRANSIT

Mr. Lammey gave a historical perspective on the urban transit service in the area, celebrating it's tenth year this year. He reviewed the history of service expansion and ridership, and discussed the recent expansion to Sunday and Holiday service, and of increased service in eastern and southern Kankakee, and of the expansion of service to Manteno. He also described the "pulse" concept of transit service, where transfer centers are established, and buses meet at those transfer centers at half hour intervals. A number of questions and issues were raised and discussed.

AIRPORT STUDY

Ms. Cowhig reported that the study was well underway, and that a meeting was scheduled later this afternoon. She also reported that the first public meeting for the project will be held on September 25, 2008 at the Hilton, from 4 to 7 P.M.

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Skimerhorn and Mr. Lammey reviewed the progress of the 2008 Work Program, and answered questions. The 2009 Work Program was presented, and Mr. Mel Blanchette moved adoption of the 2009 Work Program, and Mr. Bates seconded. After some discussion, Mr. Bergdahl moved that #8 under the Land Use Program should be changed to "educate the Subcommittee on the legislation". Ms. Cowhig seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Cowhig moved that the Work Element from the 2008 Work Program "Continue to Sponsor Education Seminars for RPC Members and for other Community Groups" be amended to the 2009 Work Program. Mr. Bergdahl seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The vote on the original motion was unanimous.

SUBDIVISION AND CONSERVATION DESIGN ORDINANCE

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that this issue had passed the PZA, gone to the County Board, and had been sent back to the PZA for review. He stated that a second review by the States Attorneys' Office was concluding, and that the issue would go back to PZA when that review had been received. Some general discussion was held on conservation design projects.

GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PLAN

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that word had not yet been received from IDNR on this grant application.

JOINT LAND MANAGEMENT RESOURCE PLAN ADOPTIONS

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that additional adoptions of the County Comprehensive Plan had been received from the Villages of Bradley, Limestone and Grant Park, and that he and Mr. Lammey were making a presentation to the Village of Bourbonnais tonight.

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTING

Mr. Lammey stated that all crash reports for 2004 had been coded, and were now being scanned,

so that they could be displayed on GIS layers.

WIND FARM ISSUE

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that an application was expected.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Howell stated that the next meeting would be October 16, 2008, and that the location would be the County Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miller moved adjournment, and Mr. Bergdahl seconded. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 10:59 A.M.