

Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
September 25, 2007

Regional Planning Commission Members Present:

Craig Bayston	Rich Simms
Chad Miller	Craig Blanchette
Mel Blanchette	Bill Bukowski
Loretto Cowhig	Ralph Paarlberg
David Bergdahl	George Washington, Jr.

Regional Planning Commission Members Absent:

Bud Bates	Jeff Jarvis
Rep. Lisa Dugan	Barry Jaffe
Jim Tripp	Rich Howell

Quorum Present.

Kankakee County Planning Department Staff Present:

Michael J. Van Mill	Delbert Skimerhorn
Jim Greenstreet	

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mr. Washington

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Mr. Bergdahl and seconded by Mr. Bayston to retain the same officers. A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mel Blanchette to close the nomination for officers. The motion carried to retain George Washington as Chairman, Rich Howell as Vice-chairman, and Dave Bergdahl as secretary.

Subcommittee Updates

Land Use:

Most recently we are working on the update of the County's subdivision regulations and it will be forward on to the state's attorney's office for legal review. We're also working on the conservation design regulations and it has been sent to local engineering firms for comments. We will be updating the LESA Program at a later date.

Update of the joint land resource management plan: the following Villages Manteno, Bourbonnais, and Herscher have adopted there own plans. There are also 5 municipalities that have adopted resolutions in support of the County's plan, Villages of Chebanse, Irwin, Manteno, Momence and Sun River Terrace. A presentation on the County's plan was given to Bourbonnais and we are still waiting to hear from them.

Mr. Van Mill explained the joint land resource management plan is to work with the municipalities and get their feel for the urban growth areas.

Transportation:

Most of the information for transportation will be discussed with the work program. However it can be reported that bus ridership is up.

Community Development/Solid Waste:

With staff turn over they have no meeting recently and no updates at this time.

2008 Annual Work Program

There was discussion on annual meeting and work program in going from 4 subcommittees to 2 subcommittees.

Maybe a small advisory committee is formed to discuss which subcommittees there is a need for

There is a possibility of merging land use and transportation subcommittees due to both subcommittees need to work together and both working on the same issues.

Solid Waste maybe moved into a different department and not sure how this will interact with the Planning Commission. There was some discussion on this issue. If any issues relating to solid waste come up they will be addressed at that time as to the best course of action.

Mr. Van Mill would like to create a community development/economic development subcommittee together.

Since we were not prepared to have our annual meeting with dinner this month, we will have a dinner meeting in November.

Mr. Washington asked for three (3) volunteers for the advisory committee on the realignment of the subcommittees. They will be Mr. Bayston, Mr. Bergdahl, and Mr. Bukowski.

A motion was made by Mr. Bayston and seconded by Mr. Bukowski to delay the vote on the 2008 Annual Work Program until the November meeting. Motion Carried.

New Business

We have a project we want the Planning Commission to be involved in and we have secured the services of EarthTech for an Intermodal Workshop. EarthTech has worked with us before on the Commuter Rail Study. They will do a PowerPoint presentation and a tour of a facility as part of this workshop. The workshop is scheduled for November 5 during the day with lunch served. There was some discussion on intermodal facilities.

The next meeting of the full Regional Planning Commission is scheduled for November 27, 2007.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bayston and seconded by Mr. Bergdahl. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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