

## **Minutes of the Land Use and Development Committee**

The Land Use and Development Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday July 2, 2009 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Gordon, Members Ahart, Rankin, and Soeldner

Members Absent: Members Cavallini and Segobiano

Other Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator, Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator and Ms. Diana Hospelhorn Recording Secretary

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials  
Present: Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning

Others Present: Mr. Pablo Eves, Assistant States Attorney, Mr. Michael Brown, Director of the Ecology Action Center

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

Chairman Gordon presented the Minutes of the June 4, 2009 Land Use and Development Meeting to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Soeldner / Rankin to recommend approval of the June 4, 2009 Land Use and Development Committee Meeting Minutes.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon presented the bills from June 30, 2009 which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Land Use and Development Committee by the County Auditor. The prepaid total and fund total for June 30, 2009 is \$17,305.20. He asked for a motion to approve the bills as presented by the County Auditor.

Motion by Ahart / Rankin to recommend approval of the June 30, 2009 bills as presented by the County Auditor.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon informed the Committee that the first Item for Action is a resolution from the McLean County Solid Waste Management Technical Committee requesting approval to fund seven \$1,000 recycling grants to small municipalities within McLean County, and \$12,500 for the ongoing Battery Recycling Program administered by the Ecology Action Center. Chairman Gordon invited Mr. Michael Brown, Director of the Ecology Action Center, to address the Committee.

Mr. Brown informed the Committee that every year the Solid Waste Technical Committee does offer these small grants to municipalities within McLean County with populations of 5,000 or less. The grants help to encourage and defray the cost of recycling.

Mr. Soeldner asked if there was a specific set of regulations or guidelines required of the municipalities to qualify for the grant. Mr. Brown stated that the only criteria for this grant are:

1. The municipality must have a population of 5,000 or less within McLean County
2. They are required to submit an annual report documenting the amounts recycled and report the amount of landfill waste. This helps the Ecology Action Center compile the County wide recycling waste results.

He pointed out that the grants can be used for actual recycling programs or equipment for educational programs and drop off points. Mr. Brown noted that most programs are similar and are well received within the municipalities.

Mr. Brown presented the recommendations of the Solid Waste Technical and Policy Committee. He recommended that the following grant applications be approved for funding from the County's Solid Waste Management Fund:

1. Rural Recycling Grants for the following municipalities:

- Village of Arrowsmith \$1,000
- Village of Danvers \$1,000
- Village of LeRoy \$1,000
- Village of Downs \$1,000
- Village of Lexington \$1,000
- Village of Colfax \$1,000
- Village of Carlock \$1,000

2. Household Battery Recycling Program administered by the Ecology Action Center, \$12,500.

Chairman Gordon asked for further comments or questions.

Motion by Ahart / Rankin to recommend approval of the resolution from the McLean County Solid Waste Management Technical Committee requesting approval to fund seven \$1,000 recycling grants to small municipalities within McLean County, and \$12,500 for the ongoing Battery Recycling Program administered by the Ecology Action Center  
Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon stated that the first item of information to be presented to the Committee is the Ecology Action Center First Quarter 2009 Solid Waste and Recycling Education Report.

Mr. Brown referred the Committee to the first quarter 2009 McLean County Solid Waste Program / Recycling Education Report. Mr. Brown reviewed the Ecology Action Solid Waste Report. He stated that the report details efforts by the Ecology Action Center to provide solid waste and waste reduction services to residents of McLean County, the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009. He pointed out that the activities include:

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- events
- educational programs
- public presentations
- small grant programs through the Solid Waste Technical Committee
- operation of the information center 40 hours a week
- promotion of recycling programs throughout the county.

Mr. Brown reported that last year alone 10,174 lbs of batteries were recycled.

Chairman Gordon asked if there were other questions of Mr. Brown. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Brown.

Mr. Phil Dick, Director of Building and Zoning informed the Committee of the upcoming "Growing the Greenways Plan and Trail" conference to be held Friday, November 6, 2009, at the Davis Lodge, Lake Bloomington. He stated that the conference is mainly directed towards citizens on planning commissions and councils and zoning boards.

Mr. Dick noted that a Zoning Board of Appeals is tentatively planning a Public Hearing on the Gravel Pit Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for August 18, 19, 2009.

Chairman Gordon stated that he would be in conciliation with Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator and Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator, regarding when the Land Use and Development Committee will be organizing a preliminary meeting to discuss when a public hearing will be held regarding the draft of the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Chairman Gordon stated that the next Land Use and Development Committee meeting will be on Thursday, August 6, 2009. Chairman Gordon asked if there were other items of information to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary