

Minutes of the Land Use and Development Committee Meeting

The meeting of the Land Use and Development Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman George Wendt, Members Elizabeth Johnston, Lea Cline and Benjamin Webb

Members Absent: Members Jim Soeldner, William Friedrich, Lyndsay Bloomfield

Other Board Members Present:

Staff Present: Cassy Taylor, Interim County Administrator, Trevor Sierra Assistant State's Attorney Civil Division; Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary

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

Others Present: Anna Ziegler, Farm Bureau; Michael Brown, Ecology Action Center

Chairman Wendt called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Chairman Wendt presented the minutes of the October 7, 2021 meeting for approval.

Motion by Johnston/Cline to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2021 meeting.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Wendt presented the minutes of the November 16, 2021 meetings for approval.

Motion by Cline/Johnston to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021 meetings.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Wendt presented bills that had been reviewed and recommended by the County Auditor with a prepaid and fund total of \$424.53.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Land Use Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$424.53	\$424.53
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			\$424.53	\$424.53


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Webb/Cline to recommend approval of the Land Use and Development Committee bills prepaid total and fund total of \$424.53.

Motion carried.

Chairman Wendt confirmed with Ms. Taylor there were no members of the public to appear before the Committee.

Chairman Wendt presented for action a request to approve the request of Michelle L. Anderson, McLean County Auditor, for the dispersal of Henson Disposal funds for the 2020 Henson Disposal Pollution Control Facility Site Review. Chairman Wendt noted that Mr. Brown was present if anyone had any questions; hearing no questions, he called the question.

Motion by Johnston/Cline to recommend approval of the request of Michelle L. Anderson, McLean County Auditor, for the dispersal of Henson Disposal funds for the 2020 Henson Disposal Pollution Control Facility Site Review.

Motion Carried. Chairman voted.

Chairman Wendt presented for action a request to approve the request of the McLean County Farm Bureau and Philip Dick, Director of Building and Zoning, to apply for a text amendment of the McLean County Zoning Ordinance to delete the definition of a farm. Mr. Dick went over the request and noted he had discussed with legal. Mr. Wendt asked if there was an acreage number associated with farming. Mr. Dick noted it related to whether significant income was gained from the farming of it not the amount of acreage. Ms. Johnston asked if any language defining farm would be in the policy and if it would cause issues in the future. Mr. Dick indicated definition of agriculture would cover any future questions. Ms. Cline asked why this specific language would be taken out and not just the language on size of farm. Mr. Dick indicated if land used for agriculture purposes then exempt from zoning and he provided an example. Ms. Cline asked if he would rely on precedent and not on code. Mr. Dick indicated the Code would still be relied on including definition of agriculture. Mr. Wendt asked about raising of animals. Mr. Dick stated if primary use and resulting significant income was based on agriculture then it would be exempt.

Motion by Cline/Johnston to recommend approval of the request of the McLean County Farm Bureau and Philip Dick, Director of Building and Zoning, to apply for a text amendment of the McLean County Zoning Ordinance to delete the definition of a farm

Motion Carried. Chair voted.

Chairman Wendt indicated the next meeting would be Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman Wendt asked if anyone had any other business to come before the Committee; hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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Recording Secretary