

**Executive Committee
Tentative Minutes
May 14, 2024**

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Finfrock called the meeting to order at 5:16 P.M. Present: Billeter, Finfrock (remote), Fritz, Janes, Kenney, Reising, Nordman, and. Others Present: Heuer, Larson, Youman and Larry Callant Absent: Griffin and Smith.
2. Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2024: Motion by Reising to approve the minutes 2nd by Kenney. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Reports of Committees
 - Road and Bridge: 1 item to come from County Engineer Jeremy Ciesiel.
 - Personnel & Salary: None
 - Supervisor of Assessment, Planning & Zoning: 3 Items
 - S/Atty-Court Services-FOCUS House-Judiciary – Public Defender & Circuit Clerk: None
 - County Facilities - County Security - IT: None.
 - H.E.W. Solids Waste & Veterans: Update: 1 Appointment Recommendation
 - Long Range Planning: None.
 - Finance & Insurance: ARPA & Elected Officials resolutions
 - Executive: None
 - Agriculture: None.
 - Workplace Safety: None.
 - Board Presentations: Sikich Audit Results – Nick Bava
 - Other: None.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Fiber Grants Update – Working on the Eastside project. Update to come.
 - b. Dan Janes update on Planning, ZBA, & Comprehensive Plan – Janes shared at the earlier meeting they discussed the rodeo in Rochelle having a large scale situation in the past weekend. Janes shared the event got out of hand and the police were called. The decision made in the earlier meeting was that there would be a 90-day suspension period and the County is asking for a plan of action for large crowd events. Janes shared the plan needs to be submitted and approved to the Zoning Administrator, Sheriff, and State’s Attorney’s. If a plan is not produced within the 90 days they will not be allowed to continue their events.

Janes also shared there seems to be a lot of confusion or lack of attention when filling out the solar applications that is causing additional hours and delays in the process. Janes shared it is being discussed a pre-application meeting is the best way to resolve the continued issues from filling out the application incorrectly. Since the addition of this process and the number of applications that are coming our way it is clear the current Zoning staff cannot handle the work load. The Zoning committee is considering hiring someone on contract to help with the pre-application meetings and then the processing of the Solar applications once submitted. Youman shared this is the current discussion and they just wanted to make people aware but Janes and himself intend on sitting down with Finfrock and Nordman to discuss things in more detail and the direction that is best to move forward. Youman also shared the contractual agreement would also include a streamline of the

process in an electronic matter to allow for time savings in the future.

- c. Landfill Update – Billeter shared we are still waiting on Davis Junction’s communications regarding negotiations. We are ready to move forward but cannot seem to get Davis Junction to coordinate a meeting with Waste Management.

Finrock shared he has seen an article that stated Davis Junction was working with Waste Management on the acceptance of a solar field. Finrock stated I am not sure if this is what is holding up the sense of urgency on Davis Junctions behalf. Kenney stated he couldn’t understand why Davis Junction is not cooperating because they seemed to be very hands on in the past when he was on the board. Billeter expressed he thought the delay was coming from them not really knowing what they even want because there maybe conflicting ideas amongst their board.

- d. Econ Development – Nothing to Report.

- e. Econ Development/GREDCO Report {Kenney} – Kenney stated the time of the meeting on the 29th has been changes to 8 am and expressed things are progressing.

- f. Wayne Reising IACBM Report – Nothing to report.

- g. HR update– Jacobs shared we completed another payroll process and the employees are being paid on the 15th like scheduled. We are working closely with ADP and they are helping us to correct any new issues that arise due the complexity of our business structure and payment processing.

- h. Com Audit – Waiting on more information.

- i. Tower update – Still waiting on document.

- j. Other – None.

6. New Business:

- a. Labor Negotiation’s update – The next meeting has been set for the 16th at the courthouse due to scheduling conflict at the Sheriff’s Administration building.

- b. S&P Vet Update – Nothing to report.

Kenney asked why the amount of funds going to the OCVAC has increased so much each year for the last couple of years. Finrock shared there have been some changes in laws and the structuring of the OCVAC. Finrock shared there is a meeting set up with the president and vice-president to go over some changes that have been implemented in their organization.

- c. HRI Progress – Nothing to report.

- d. Requests from Committees – None.

- e. Other Actions from Committees – None.

7. Closed Session – Collective negotiation matters per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) – None.

8. Going back into open session – None.

9. Comments or Suggestions from Committee Members or Department Heads –

Youman shared he had been contacted by Constellation and they are planning to use their purchased land in Ogle County as a server generation source. Youman stated he recused himself and directed their conversations to Zoning. Finrock commented he has a meeting the 28th at 10 am already.

10. Adjournment: With no further business, Chairman Finrock adjourned the meeting until May 14th 2024. Time: 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
June Jacobs