



# Kane County

## KC Energy and Environmental Committee

Government Center  
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A  
Geneva, IL 60134

### Meeting Minutes

BATES, Tarver, Allan, Kious, Roth, Strathmann, Young, ex-officios Pierog (County Chair), and Tepe (County Vice Chair)

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**Friday, October 13, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

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**1. Call To Order**

Chairman Bates called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**2. Roll Call**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member David Young
<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member Bill Tarver
<b>ABSENT</b>	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe

Also present: Co. Bd. members Daugherty\*, Gumz\*, Juby\*, Lewis, Molina; Environ. & Water Res. Dir. Wolnik & staff Ryan, Hinshaw; Dev. staff Miller; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

**3. Remote Attendance Requests**

Committee Chair Bates announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Tarver attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

**4. Approval of Minutes: September 15, 2023**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chris Kious

**5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)**

None.

**6. Environmental (J.Wollnik)**

Environ. & Water Res. Dir. Wollnik stated that due to the bad weather they are rescheduling the Solar Field ribbon cutting to Friday, October 20th at 10:00 a.m. Committee Member Allan arrived at 9:07 a.m. Wollnik stated they are requesting additional riverboat funds to assist with improving the Geneva Creek. There will be an engineering firm partnering with a contractor to stabilize the grotto area, as well as the eroded sections. She provided an update on the Army Corp and that it is currently accepting comments on their Fox River Dam website, [foxriverstudygroup.org](http://foxriverstudygroup.org), until November 6. Wollnik addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

**7. Recycling/Solid Waste (C. Ryan)**

**A. Recycling Program Update**

Kane County Recycling Coordinator, Clair Ryan, provided an update. She reviewed the "Fall Shred 'n' More" program. There were 725 attendees. She shared pictures of the 22 volunteers at the event. Ryan announced the Annual Pumpkin Smash Event, which will be held on November 4th, 2023 from 9am-noon at various locations around the county. They will be focusing on recycling and composting items for reuse. Ryan stated they are working with other counties to help fund public education on recycling batteries. Ryan addressed questions or comments from the Committee.

**8. Sustainability (S. Hinshaw)**

**A. Approving FY24 Operations and Maintenance Agreement with USGS for the Stream and Rainfall Gages**

Wollnik addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chris Kious
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Allan

**B. EV Readiness Update**

Hinshaw presented the EV Readiness Program update. She announced the program will be wrapping up in April. She shared the updated contents of the website, such as rebates and incentives for electric vehicles. She reviewed the EV advantages and benefits, and the charging station ordinance. She addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

**C. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Update**

Hinshaw presented the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Update. The grant is in the planning stages. Hinshaw addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

**D. Tree Protection Ordinance Update**

Miller presented the Tree Protection Ordinance Update. Staff members are looking at creating a tree protection ordinance for Kane County. They have received other tree protection ordinances from the Chicago region. Miller will provide further updates at the next meeting. She addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

**9. New Business**

None.

**10. Chairs Comments**

Committee Chair Bates announced the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act Workforce Hubs in Illinois are currently training students on solar and green energy jobs.

**11. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chris Kious

**12. Executive Session (if needed)**

None.

**13. Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items)**

None.

**14. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann

This meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Rachel Santora  
Recording Secretary