



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)

Friday, November 17, 2023

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member David Young
REMOTE	Board Member Bill Tarver
ABSENT	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. Wollnik & staff Hinshaw, Ryan*, Linke; OCR Dir. Berger*; 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: October 13, 2023

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

6. Environmental (J. Wollnik)

Environ. & Water Res. Dir. Wollnik introduced Rob Linke to present an award that was given by the Board of Directors for recognizing the Kane County founding members and its longtime contributors. In addition, the Fox River Study Group had their annual meeting celebrating their 20th anniversary.

7. Recycling/Solid Waste (C. Ryan)

Kane County Recycling Coordinator, Clair Ryan, presented the following resolutions, and asked the Committee for approval. She announced that the grant money was received from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the infrastructure projects and Recycling Education Outreach Projects. Ryan stated that she worked with several of her colleagues on the Municipal Mayor's Caucus to put together a \$2M proposal. Ryan addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued. (Committee Member Allan arrived at 9:16 a.m.)

- A.** Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of West Dundee and Eworks Electronics Services, Inc. for Operation of the West Dundee Recycling Center in 2024

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Bill Roth

- B.** Authorization to Enter into Professional Services Contract for Collection of Recyclable Materials with Eworks Electronic Services, Inc.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann

8. Sustainability (S. Hinshaw)

A. Sustainability Update

Sustainability Manager, Sara Hinshaw, provided a recap of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. There are now 16 people interested in working on this program across Will, Kane, and DuPage Counties. A contracted employee has been hired to assist in the writing of this grant. The Solar Switch campaign is approaching. This program promotes the use of solar panels. Four webinars are being scheduled to help get information out to the public. Hinshaw will provide a link to the information. If anyone is interested in Solar Switch, the deadline to sign up is December 12, 2023. Hinshaw also mentioned an event taking place in Huntley, Illinois tomorrow with Congressman Bill Foster that will be addressing climate change. Arnie Shramel, with the Progressive Energy Group, provided information about the solar field being proposed at the Aurora Airport. He will have more details to share in January. Hinshaw announced that the Kane County Solar Field is officially up and running. This will save the County approximately \$44-\$5M over the next 25 years, which is a \$200K savings per year. The Solar Field will provide power to fifty percent of the energy uses of the Judicial Center and the Adult Justice Center. Hinshaw addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

B. Amending the PPA and Site Lease Between Kane County and GRNE Solarfield 05, LLC

Dir. Environ & Water Res. Wollnik presented this resolution to the Committee, and asked for their approval.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Chris Kious

C. Confluence Climate Consulting (C3) Presentation and Proposal Letter

Accelerate Climate Solutions Co-Founder, Kris Murphy, shared an overview of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. The purpose of the grant is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. She provided a number of important dates and timelines for the funding. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like a notice of who will be participating by February 1, 2024. The Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus has received the planning portion of this grant, and are creating a Priority Climate Action Plan which is due March 1, 2024. The Implementation Phase Grant is due April 1, 2024, and the EPA will provide a timeline for the funding in July. Murphy addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

D. Tree Protection Ordinance Update

Development Planner Miller stated that staff is in the process of reviewing Kane County ordinances.

9. New Business

None.

10. Chairs Comments

Chairman Bates thanked her staff for the work they've done to protect the environment.

11. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

12. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

13. Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items)

None.

14. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann

This meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary