

Lake County Illinois

Meeting held by Video Conference
Physical Location:
18 N County Street (10th Floor), Waukegan, IL 60085



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

10:30 AM

Meeting held by video conference. The public can register to attend remotely at <https://bit.ly/3CXn49I>

Energy & Environment Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the current Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Chair's Written Determination, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options): (1) remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda, or (2) in-person attendance (to view the virtual meeting on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.)

RECORDING: Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals who are attending remotely / virtually, (2) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: E&E (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name (REQUIRED)
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- * Phone Number (Optional)
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

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Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 7.30.21\[379\]](#)

1. Call to Order

Chair Wilke called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Altenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

Absent 1 - Member Barr

**Other Attendees*

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Jennifer Vealitzek, County Board

Paul Frank, County Board

Julie Simpson, County Board

Brad Fehly, Constellation Energy

Alyse Bordelon, Constellation Energy

Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

Meghan Wiebe, RRS Consulting

Sydney Dawson, County Board Office

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no addenda to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wilke provided comments related to recycling and reducing the use of single-use plastics.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)**8.1 [21-1554](#)**

Meeting minutes from August 4, 2021.

Attachments: [E&E.MeetingMinutes.Final 8.4.21](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

Absent: 1 - Member Barr

REGULAR AGENDA**8.2 [21-1511](#)**

Presentation and discussion regarding the possible purchase of carbon offsets through Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division.

Attachments: [Constellation Carbon Offsets for Lake County IL](#)

Alyse Bordelon, Constellation presented a summary of available programs related to carbon offsets. Ms. Bordelon provided options and benefits of including carbon offsets in our purchase of natural gas. The committee requested information pertaining to what is possible within Lake County. County Administration and Walter Willis, SWALCO will work with Constellation on possible projects and will report back findings.

Discussion Ensued.

8.3 [21-1512](#)

Presentation and discussion regarding a Single Use Plastic Study in Lake County.

Attachments: [SingleUsePlasticStudy 10.6.21](#)

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator provided a brief opening that the topic to eliminate the use of single-use plastics has come up several times in previous Committees. Meghan Wiebe, RRS Consulting provided a summary of her analysis on options to eliminate single-use plastics in County operations. Findings, options, and costs will be reviewed and presented next month.

Discussion Ensued.

This matter was discussed

8.4 [21-1513](#)

Presentation and discussion on status of Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions Planning for Lake County.

Attachments: [Net Zero Policy Update - October 2021 - Quercus](#)

Due to the late start of the meeting, Kelly Shelton of Net Zero was not able to present. Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator requested a motion be made that the presentation and discussion be postponed until the November meeting.

A motion was made by Member Hunter, seconded by Member Wasik, that the matter be heard at the November meeting. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

Absent: 1 - Member Barr

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Parekh

8.5 [21-1514](#)

Update on the implementation of a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (CPACE) program in Lake County.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, provided an update that a Program Administrator has been selected and further information will be shared at the November meeting.

Discussion Ensued.

This matter was discussed

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

Member Hunter remarked that he was recently notified by a constituent of a recycling issue with the constituent's waste hauler. Member Hunter thanked Walter Willis of SWALCO for their help in quickly resolving the matter. Member Altenberg appreciated Member Hunter's initiative in going the extra mile with the recycling issue. She also expressed thanks to Assistant County Administrator Matt Meyers for assisting the board in reaching environmental committee goals. Chair Wilke and Member Wasik both thanked Matt Meyers for his diligence even through the pandemic. Member Wasik also recommended that Walter Willis, SWALCO return at a future meeting to give an update on the progress of recycling markets and diverting waste from landfills. Member Simpson added the concern of the contamination on recycled items.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wilke adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 3, 2021

Meeting minutes prepared by Sydney Dawson

Respectfully submitted,

Chair