

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

10:30 AM

or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Public Works and
Transportation Committee, whichever is later.

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
<https://bit.ly/3ZQjTgS>

Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment
Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Altenberg called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Campos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 7 - Chair Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Frank, Member Knizhnik, Vice
Chair Pedersen, Member Schlick and Member Wasik

Other Attendees

In Person:

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair
Sharon Osterby, Stormwater Management
Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management
Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County
Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office
RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office
Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office
Bailey Wyatt, Communications
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

Electronically:

*Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair
Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Mike Wiersema, Waste Management
Micah Hamstra, Waste Management
Melissa Gallagher, Finance
Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development
Chris Rubak, Waste Management
Eric Steffen, Planning, Building, and Development
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Seema Keshav, Public
Derke Price, Ancel Glink
Jenny Futterman, Public
Merlanne Rampale, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County
Abby Krakow, Communications
Taylor Gendel, Planning, Building, and Development
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Altenberg expressed that she is honored to serve as Committee Chair after being a Member of this Committee for four years. Chair Altenberg then stated that she is proud of Lake County for being an environmental leader and that she looks forward to helping continue that legacy.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.3)

MINUTES

8.1 25-0032

Committee action approving the Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Budget Hearing minutes from October 16, 2024.

Attachments: [PBZ&E Budget Hearing 10.16.24 Final Minutes](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Campos, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Frank, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Schlick and Member Wasik

8.2 25-0031

Committee action approving the Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Committee minutes from October 30, 2024.

Attachments: [PBZ&E 10.30.24 Final Minutes](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Campos, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Frank, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Schlick and Member Wasik

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

8.3 25-0015

Resolution to support and endorse the 2025 Switch Together Solar Group Buy program organized by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association and the Citizens Utility Board.

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Campos, that this resolution be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Frank, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Schlick and Member Wasik

REGULAR AGENDA

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

8.4 25-0019

Joint resolution to accept the transfer of real property on behalf of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR-OWR) and described herein Exhibit A, for the public purpose of open space public use, and to assume all responsibilities and obligations associated with the ownership and management of the property and subject to the Reservations and Covenants set forth herein Exhibit B.

Attachments: [EXHIBIT A](#)
 [EXHIBIT B](#)
 [IDNR 371 Agreement-Fully Executed 09-2019](#)
 [Amendment 1 IDNR 371 Fully Executed 2.7.23](#)
 [Map IDNR 371](#)
 [Local Government Property Transfer Act Final](#)

Kurt Woolford, Executive Director of the Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) introduced Sharon Osterby, Water Resources Professional, SMC. Director Woolford provided background regarding the voluntary buyout process for flood-damaged homes located on Lake County floodplain. Ms. Osterby explained that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) currently owns 12 parcels of property which are being transferred to Lake County SMC, as the result of a flood that occurred in 2019. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Schlick, seconded by Member Campos, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Frank, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Schlick and Member Wasik

8.5 25-0020

Joint resolution to accept the transfer of real property on behalf of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR-OWR) and described herein Exhibit A, for the public purpose of open space public use, and to assume all responsibilities and obligations associated with the ownership and management of the property and subject to the Reservations and Covenants set forth herein Exhibit B.

Attachments: [EXHIBIT A](#)

[EXHIBIT B](#)

[Agreement IDNR 379 Fully Executed 5.20.19](#)

[Amendment 1 IDNR 379 Fully Executed 02.07.23](#)

[2019 IDNR 379 Map](#)

[Local Government Property Transfer Act Final](#)

Sharon Osterby, Water Resources Professional, Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), explained that this item is similar to item 8.4, except these six parcels of property are being transferred to Lake County SMC as the result of a flood that occurred in 2020.

A motion was made by Member Campos, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Frank, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Schlick and Member Wasik

SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF LAKE COUNTY

8.6 [24-1536](#)

Resolution adopting the 2024 Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Plan Update) for Lake County, Illinois, as approved and recommended by the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO).

Attachments: [2024 SWMP Update BOD](#)

Walter Willis, Director of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), provided an overview of the priorities and initiatives listed within the 2024 Solid Waste Management Plan Update. Discussion ensued.

Member Campos left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Wasik, that this resolution be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Altenberg, Member Frank, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Schlick and Member Wasik

Not Present: 1 - Member Campos

8.7 [24-1535](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a Host Agreement between Lake County and Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. for siting of a Waste Transfer Facility in Unincorporated Lake County.

Attachments: [Lake County Transfer Station Host Agreement 12.2024](#)

Walter Willis, Director of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), explained that this item is a request from Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. for siting approval to construct and operate a Waste Transfer Facility in unincorporated Lake County.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Frank, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Altenberg, Member Frank, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Schlick and Member Wasik

Not Present: 1 - Member Campos

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

There were no Member remarks or requests.

12. Adjournment

Chair Altenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 29, 2025

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.