

Executive/Legislation Committee
Thursday September 25, 2025
Joseph G. Cannon Building, 2nd Floor, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Steve Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Steve Miller, Tim McFadden, Mark Steinbaugh, Lon Henderson, Britny Hoag, and Nancy O’Kane. Jerry Hawker, Jim McMahon, and Greg Shepard were excused. 6 Present 3 absent. Also attending the meeting were: County Board Member; Bodine, Andrew Keyt- Heyl, Royster, Voelker, & Allen, P.C , Greg Vasilion, Tom Collins, and Jim Griffin – Musketeer Wind, Brian Ford- Constellation Energy (via telephone call), Audience Members; Steve Brandy, Becky Miller, Bill Donahue and Jennifer Jenkins - County Board Office Manager.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda

Miller would like to strike items 12 and 13. Motion by Steinbaugh, seconded by Henderson to approve the agenda with changes. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2025

O’Kane moved, seconded by Steinbaugh, to approve the August 28, 2025 minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

Becky Miller provided a handout regarding battery storage ordinances within Illinois.

Agenda Item 5 – Consider, discuss and vote on siting application of Musketeer Wind Energy, LLC to construct and operate a commercial wind energy facility

Documents: (1) Ordinance with Findings of Fact and Conditions

Keyt informed the committee that this is now proceeding on to County Board. This is in the Rankin and Hoopeston area. There is a battery storage component included with this project. This project did pass through the Public Hearing and Wind and Solar committee with approval subject to conditions. The Wind/Solar committee did have some conditions. Keyt will go through some of these with this committee. Steinbaugh indicated the he has read through the County’s ordinances and they do not directly address battery storage. It really only refers to structures. Henderson did include that he was present at the hearings and they did discuss firefighting, etc. Keyt explained that when the wind/solar siting statute was passed in January 2023 it included in its definition of supported facilities it included battery storage. If the County wanted to have a standalone battery storage then a county could however, Vermilion County is not a zoned county. Motion by Steinbaugh, second by Henderson to approve the Ordinance. Upon the roll of call the following voted yes to wit; Miller, McFadden, Steinbaugh, Henderson, Hoag, and O’Kane. 6 yes 3 absent.

Agenda Item 6 – Consider, discuss and vote on Resolution approving Livestock Management Plan of Vermilion Solar 3 LLC

Documents: (1) Resolution, and (2) Livestock Management Plan of Vermilion Solar 3 LLC

Keyt advised that this Livestock Management Plan. Before Vermilion Solar 3 LLC receives a building permit, it was decided that they need to provide a Livestock Management Plan to the County Board. This is sheep grazing to maintain the vegetation and shrubs within the confines of the solar area. Henderson advised that he was at the hearing and had asked for this plan. Keyt further explained that herd health is number one. Such as vaccinations, etc. During the grazing period there must be water available to the sheep to access. There would also be a livestock guardian animal on site to protect the sheep. There is a list of qualification that must be met. Not just anyone can show up with a herd of sheep. Keyt added this is about a 30 acre site so they would only bring the sheep when needed. Motion

by Steinbaugh, second by Henderson to approve the resolution. Upon the roll of call the following voted yes to wit; Miller, McFadden, Steinbaugh, Henderson, Hoag, and O’Kane. 6 Yes 3 absent.

Agenda Item 7 – Consider, discuss and vote on Resolution approving Decommissioning Agreement of Vermilion Solar 3 LLC

Documents: (1) Resolution, and (2) Decommissioning Agreement with supporting documents

Keyt advised that this is the required decommissioning agreement. This agreement states that the builder would have to post 100% of the decommissioning costs at the time that they receive their building permit. This would be in the form of a bond, until year 6. Then it would switch to an irrevocable form of credit or some form or some other type of financial assurance that County Board would be comfortable with. Motion by Henderson, second by Steinbaugh to approve the Resolution. Upon the roll of call the following voted yes to wit; Miller, McFadden, Steinbaugh, Henderson, Hoag, and O’Kane. 6 Yes 3 Absent.

Agenda Item 8 – Consider, discuss and vote on Building Permit application of Vermilion Solar 3 LLC to construct and operate a commercial solar energy facility of approximately 5 megawatts and 28.3 acres

Documents: (1) Resolution with checklist of building permit requirements

Keyt advised that this building permit application is for the same entity as above. The developer is almost at the point of satisfying all for obtaining a building permit. Keyt referred the committee members to the building permit checklist that is attached. The only thing that is outstanding is decommissioning agreement/security and the livestock management plan that was just approved. Motion by O’Kane, second by McFadden to approve the Resolution. Upon the roll of call the following voted yes to wit; Miller, McFadden, Steinbaugh, Henderson, Hoag, and O’Kane. 6 yes 3 absent.

Agenda Item 9 – Consider, discuss and vote on Building Permit application of CVE IL Ridge Farm 324 to construct and operate a commercial solar energy facility of approximately 2.5 megawatts and approximately 20 acres

Documents (1) Resolution with checklist of building permit requirements

Keyt advised that this building permit application is for the farm in Ridge Farm. The only document that this developer is missing is some information on the decommissioning agreement. This will go to the County Board once this updated information is received. Motion by Steinbaugh, second by Henderson to approve the Resolution. Upon the roll of call the following voted yes to wit; Miller, McFadden, Steinbaugh, Henderson, Hoag, and O’Kane. 6 yes 3 absent.

Agenda Item 10 – Resolution RE: - Authorizing the Issuance of Property Tax Abatement by Vermilion County

Miller advised that the City of Danville is attempting to foster the development of a significant project, economic development and they are asking all of the entities that have taxing authority to participate in creating a favorable tax environment for the development of said projects. We would be abating our property tax on improvements that would be built within the parameters in the outline of the resolution. He further added that as a member of the Vermilion Advantage board he advised that this is not an inconsiderable project. This could be significant employment for the County. Motion by McFadden, second by Steinbaugh to approve the Resolution. Upon the roll of call the following voted yes to wit; Miller, McFadden, Steinbaugh, Henderson, Hoag, and O’Kane. 6 yes 3 absent.

Agenda Item 11– Renewal - Constellation Energy Fixed Pricing (to be distributed at meeting)

Brian Ford from Constellation Energy joined the committee via telephone call. He explained to the committee that the pricing presented is a fixed pricing for the County. This time of year is a good opportunity to buy gas at a fixed rate. The prices now are at a low. The reason being is because we had some late summer mild temperatures with strong production. This caused the market to really dip. He further added that where prices were in 2023 and 2024 they were great. They are higher now due to demand. This would secure a fixed rate for the County for the next two years. Ford indicated that he

would send, via email, the rates, first thing tomorrow morning. Miller agreed that this would be "a go". Motion by Henderson, second by O'Kane to approve the Renewal. Upon the roll of call the following voted yes to wit; Miller, McFadden, Steinbaugh voted yes for 24 months, Henderson, Hoag, and O'Kane. 6 yes 3 absent. Steinbaugh added that he wanted it to be clear that this is a 24 month contract as the Chairman can sign up to 24 months.

Agenda Item 12 – STRIKE

Agenda Item 13 – STRIKE

Agenda Item 14 – Executive Session

None needed

Agenda Item 15- Items of Information

None

Agenda Item 16- Adjournment

Motion by Hoag, seconded by Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

Minutes by: Jennifer Jenkins, County Board Office
Manager