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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**DEKALB COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
(January 23, 2014)

The DeKalb County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) met on January 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the DeKalb County Administration Building, Conference Room East, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Commission members Rich Gentile, Les Bellah, John Fischer, Martha May, Derek Hiland, Cheryl Aldis, Dawn Grivetti, and Tracy Jones. Also in attendance were Tyler Hiland, and staff members Paul Miller and Rebecca Von Drasek.

- 1. Roll Call** -- *Commission members Liz Peerboom, Don Pardridge, Linda Swenson, Brian Gregory, Bill Beverley, Becky Morphey, and Anita Sorensen were absent.*
- 2. Approval of Agenda** -- *Ms. Aldis moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Jones, and the motion carried unanimously.*
- 3. Approval of Minutes** -- *Ms. Aldis moved to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2013 meeting, seconded by Mr. Gentile, and the motion carried unanimously.*
- 4. Annual Dues**

Mr. Miller reminded the Commissioners that the Regional Planning Commission voted in 2007 to assess annual dues to its member communities. He explained that these dues are intended to offset the County's costs of providing staffing, meeting room and materials. An invoice was sent in January, 2014 to each member community for the \$500 dues. Dues are requested to be received by the end of February 2014.

**5. Member Re-Appointments**

Mr. Miller pointed out that the following member's terms were due to expire in April of 2014:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Village of Kirkland	Les Bellah	open
Village of Kingston	John Fisher	open
Village of Somonauk	Becky Morphey	open
DeKalb County	Tracy Jones	Ruth Anne Tobias
City of Genoa	Rich Gentile	Lori Curley

He asked these individuals to work with their city council/village board to forward in writing to County Board Chairman Jeff Metzger the names of a representative to the Regional Planning

Commission and an alternate. The names of the member representative and an alternate need to be received no later than March 31, 2014, so that the County Board Chairman can make appoints at the April 16, 2014 meeting of the DeKalb County Board. Mr. Miller said hopefully the same representatives can continue to serve and that, once appointed, the terms would be for a three-year period.

## **6. 2014 Agenda Items**

Mr. Miller explained that the Regional Planning Commission has, since its inception, served as an important forum for communication, coordination and cooperation between the units of local government on issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries. Each year, several such issues are discussed and related information is shared. Commissioners are requested to discuss possible topics of interest with elected and appointed officials in their municipalities, and be prepared to bring up these issues and ideas at the Regional Planning Commission meeting of January 23, 2014. Consideration should be given to what issues are currently taking place within member communities, with an eye toward sharing lessons learned from experiences and seeking input and ideas from each other. Examples of common issues are such things as mutual aid agreements (what are they, who has them, how do they work, etc.), and effective communication to property owners of the differences between land use per zoning and land use per taxing.

Ms. May asked about Building Inspection services. The Commissioners briefly discussed this as a possible topic about sharing resources. The Commissioners also noted that building inspection needs were met through a variety of part-time, full-time, and contract employees.

Mr. Gentile noted the services provided by the building inspection firms make sense when building is constant. He noted that the firms fees are more difficult to address the smaller residential building needs, i.e. the post hole, fence, roof projects.

Ms. Aldis suggested a discussion regarding the ISO rating system.

The Commissioners suggested future discussions on zoning issues regarding medical marijuana, video gaming, and gun stores.

Mr. Gentile noted that using social media for emergency preparedness was another interesting topic.

Mr. Miller thanked the Commission for their input and observed that there were many good topics provided.

Mr. Hiland promoted the idea of holding a few of the 2014 meetings in another locale. He suggested that it would keep things interesting for the Commissioners.

**7. Municipal Development Projects / Issues**

Ms. Aldis reported that Cortland was considering an Amendment to the town's Planned Unit Development Ordinance.

Ms. Gentile noted that the landscape business has moved into a former junkyard site in Genoa and that it looks great.

Mr. Bellah mentioned the recently purchased grocery store is being cleaned out. He said Kirkland officials are still considering their options for the unused area of the building. He also suggested that TIF funds may be used to improve the structure.

Ms. Grivetti reported that the Village has a rental agreement for a cell antenna which will be built on Village property. Ms. Grivetti informed the Commission of the Village ongoing efforts to address water issues.

Mr. Hiland announced the proposed renovation of the former St. Mary's School in DeKalb.

**8. Next Meeting Date** -- The Commission agreed that the next RPC meeting would be held April 3, 2014 at 7 pm in the Conference Room East of the DeKalb County Administration Building.

**9. Adjournment** -- *Mr. Bellah moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Aldis , and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Derek Hiland  
Chairman, DeKalb County Regional Planning Commission

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