



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
ENVIRONMENT and LAND USE COMMITTEE MINUTES
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Thursday, June 4, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room
Bennett Administrative Center, 102 E. Main Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed August 6, 2026

Committee Members

Present: Aaron Esry, John Farney, Jennifer Locke, Emily Rodriguez, Jilmala Rogers, and William Schoell

Absent: Monique Settles

County Staff: John Hall (Zoning Administrator) and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: None

Agenda

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Locke called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Mr. Farney to approve the agenda and addendum; seconded by Mr. Esry.

MOTION to AMEND the agenda by Mr. Esry to move item VIII. before item VII.; seconded by Mr. Farney. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. May 7, 2026 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Ms. Rodriguez to approve the minutes of May 7, 2026; seconded by Mr. Schoell. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Input

None

VI. Communications

None

VII. New Business: Items to be Approved by ELUC

A. Authorization for a public hearing on proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to regulate carbon sequestration activities

MOTION by Mr. Farney to approve a public hearing on proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to regulate carbon sequestration activities; seconded by Ms. Rogers.

Ms. Locke shared an update from the Carbon Sequestration Activities Task Force. They unanimously approved the aquifer definition, voted and approved the requirement for a special use permit for carbon sequestration activities in the southern area that was not mapped and recommended the final ordinance that was provided to the Committee. Mr. Hall also pointed out the map they received is the one that the scientists recommended as the official map.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Annual Recreation & Entertainment License for the Fisher Community Fair at 502 East Sangamon Street, Fisher, IL for the period 7/5/2026-7/11/2026

MOTION by Mr. Farney to approve the Recreation & Entertainment License for the Fisher Community Fair; seconded by Ms. Rogers. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

VIII. New Business: Items to be recommended to the County Board

A. Zoning Case 204-AM-26. A request by owner Deanna Eastin d.b.a. Payne's Pride LLC to change the zoning district designation from the B-4 General Business Zoning District to the I-1 Light Industry Zoning District on five lots totaling 10.23 acres being Lot 1 & 2 of Barr Farms 1st Subdivision and the three lots totaling six acres immediately to the east in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 20 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Somer Township, with addresses of 4812 N. Cunningham, 4808 N. Cunningham and 4712 N. Cunningham, Urbana, IL

MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of an ordinance to approve Zoning Case 204-AM-26; seconded by Mr. Esry.

Mr. Hall stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend enactment of this Zoning Case and there were no comments from the city or the public. This is a rezoning to allow a new tenant to use the building and none of the current tenants would be affected by this rezoning.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- B. **Zoning Case 206-AM-26.** A request by owner Edward Burdette to change the zoning district designation from the B-3 Highway Business Zoning District to the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District on 1.3 acres in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Scott Township, and commonly known as the property with an address of 285 CR 1675 N, Seymour.

MOTION by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of an ordinance approving Zoning Case 206-AM-26; seconded by Ms. Rogers.

Mr. Hall stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 4-0 to recommend approval of this Zoning Case and there were no comments at the public hearing. The request met all of the goals and there will probably be a subdivision added to this property in the future.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IX. Other Business

A. Monthly Reports

None

X. Chair's Report

None

XI. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

VIII. A & B

XII. Adjournment

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.