

CHAIRMAN'S ADVISORY LEGISLATIVE FORUM (CALF)
McHenry County Government – Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koehler at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Koehler; Don Brewer; Tina Hill; Virginia Peschke; Dan Shea; John Hammerand; Ann Gilman; Marc Munaretto; Mary Lou Zierer; Lyn Orphal; and Perry Moy. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; John Jung, Jr. Vice-Chairman, McHenry County Board; Don Larson, County Board Member; Joe Korpalski, Division of Transportation; interested public; and the press.

Don Brewer	Ann Gilman
John Hammerand	Tina Hill
Perry Moy	Marc Munaretto
Lyn Orphal	Virginia Peschke
Dan Shea	Mary Lou Zierer
Kenneth D. Koehler, Chairman	

MINUTE APPROVAL

Mr. Munaretto made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilman, to approve the April 27, 2006 CALF meeting minutes. Members noted that all members were present at the April 27, 2006 meeting and asked that the minutes be amended to reflect their attendance. The minutes were approved as amended with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Agenda Update: Chairman Koehler noted that the purpose of today's meeting was to receive an update on legislative activities. Trent Lehman of the Ferguson Group joined the Committee via telephone and provided a report on activities related to the County's Federal Legislative Agenda. He reviewed the process since the County Board adopted their Legislative Agenda which included working with staff on the various projects to make sure all paperwork was completed and submitted for all projects. He has been speaking with delegates to educate them on the projects submitted and has received good feedback on all items. He noted that Mr. Austin and Chairman Koehler have been speaking with Congressman Manzullo. Mr. Austin reported that they have received positive indications from Congressman Manzullo's office on groundwater issues and will be meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers tomorrow to gain support of our water projects. Chairman Koehler also noted that he has received positive support from Senator Obama's office. Mr. Lehman went on to report that the next phase will involve a mark-up process by the sub-committees and the House which will take place over the next few weeks. He stated in the past this mark-up phase did not happen until later in the process, but with the proposed changes to the Lobbying Reform Act, this will happen sooner. He stated with the new process the County may receive news on the various items in the next couple of months. Previously, it would take until October or November to know if a project has been successful. Instead of bundling of projects, most will be presented as individual items. He noted as part of the process work with representatives will continue so projects receiving good backing can be identified to allow the project to move forward. He stated that it is too early to know what projects will move forward, but he has received positive feedback on all items. He noted that this year is a little different due to the Lobbying Reform Act and also the November elections. He stated he will keep the County informed of all activities as the process moves forward. Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. Lehman for his reported.

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Shea motioned, seconded by Mr. Hammerand, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

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