



Unapproved

Special Lee County UTV Committee Meeting – Monday, November 1, 2021

Third Floor Boardroom, Old Lee County Courthouse – 8:00 p.m.
112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Jack Skrogstad

Member Roll Call: Chair Jack Skrogstad, Tom Wilson, Danielle Allen, Kasey Considine, and Keane Hudson all attended in person.

Members absent: None

County Board Members, Department Heads, or County Employees present: John Nicholson (Lee County Board Vice Chairman) and Mike Koppien (9:05-9:55) were present in person. Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney) and John Simonton (Sheriff) attended via Zoom video conferencing.

Visitors present: John Thompson (8:00-8:05) and Tim Meinhardt (Lee Center Township Highway Commissioner)(8:05-9:55)

Public Comment: John Thompson spoke in support of allowing UTV on Lowell Park Road. Tim Meinhardt spoke in favor of allowing UTV's on township roads.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Minutes from the October 6, 2021, meeting were approved without modification.

Old Business

None

New Business

In section IV-A, Danielle Allen asked if all travel on all "State of Illinois" highways was prohibited, even if it was in the 30 mile per hour speed limit in town? Charley Boonstra explained that a driver could be allowed to travel on portions of State highways because the definition in the state statute allowed for a local municipality to pass an ordinance that would allow UTVs on the roadway. Charley stated that he would draft language that would explain this topic and he would add it to the ordinance.

John Simonton did let the committee know that he did not want the Sheriff's Office to be responsible for the distribution or collection of fees. His office would take responsibility of the County data base and enforcement.

The State's Attorney agreed to structure the wording for the vendor sales portion of the ordinance for the final ordinance copy.

The committee went through the ordinance section by section and made the following changes via motion:

Motion by Tom Wilson: To increase the overall width to seventy-two inches (72). **(Section V, E, a)**

Second by Kasey Considine:

Motion was amended after committee discussion to:

Motion by Tom Wilson: To increase the overall width to seventy-five inches (75). **(Section V, E, a)**

Second by Kasey Considine: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Keane Hudson: To require a windshield with wiper blades, regardless of eye protection or helmet. **(Section V, E, i)**

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Kasey Considine: To require front seat passenger to wear safety eyewear or safety helmet. **(Section V, E, i)**

Second by Danielle Allen:

The State's Attorney suggested that this information be included in the section specifically designated for the UTV passengers, both Kasey Considine and Danielle Allen rescinded their motion.

Motion by Danielle Allen: To remove the requirement for red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear. (Section V, E, j)

Second by Kasey Considine: Motion carried: 4 Yes, 1 No.

Motion by Keane Hudson: To add to the ordinance as Section V, E, o – the requirement of outside mirrors

Second by Kasey Considine: Motion carried: 4 Yes, 1 No.

Motion by Kasey Considine: To modify Section V, F to read – when operated on a roadway a non-highway vehicle must have its headlights and tail lamps lighted during all hours of operation

Second by Tom Wilson: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Kasey Considine: To add to the language in Section VII – if applicant/driver does not have a windshield, front seat passenger is required to wear safety eyewear or safety helmet with eye protection.

Second by Danielle Allen: Motion carried: 4 Yes, 1 No.

Motion by Tom Wilson: To delete Section VIII, B, 2 – Name of insurance carrier and policy number and/or photocopy of applicable liability insurance coverage card issued specifically for the Non-Highway vehicle to be operated pursuant to the permit.

Second by Danielle Allen: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Kasey Considine: To delete Section V, B, 4 – A certification from the applicant that the Non-Highway vehicle satisfies the requirements of this chapter and the Illinois Vehicle Code

Second by Tom Wilson: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Kasey Considine: To only require color coded stickers for registration of the UTV, no license plate (Section VIII C)

Second by Danielle Allen: Motion carried: 3 Yes, 2 No.

Motion by Kasey Considine: If applicant/driver does not have a windshield, all passengers would be required to wear safety eyewear or safety helmet with eye protection.

Second by Danielle Allen: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Kasey Considine: To reduce the cost of the initial, renewal, and visitor sticker fee to \$50.00 per year (Section VIII, A)

Second by Tom Wilson: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Kasey Considine: To approve paying vendors \$10 for every permit that is processed the County would receive the remaining \$40.

Second by Danielle Allen: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by Keane Hudson:

Second by Tom Wilson: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Becky Brenner, County Board Secretary