



July 23, 2009

To: Vermilion County Mayors

Subject: July 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes  
Annual IL Legislative Update Meeting

Mayors' Council was held on July 23, 2009 at Vermilion Advantage. Council Attendees: Mayor Terry Prillaman (Rossville), Mayor Clayton Woodard (Catlin), Mayor Dennis Lucas (Georgetown), Mayor Sharon Simmons (Ridge Farm), Mayor Bill Crusinberry (Hoopeston), Mayor Dave Ferber (Fairmount), Mayor Jim Phebus (Sidell), Todd Lee (Vermilion Advantage).

Guests: Sen. Mike Frerichs, Rep. Bill Black, Steven Spurlock (Trustee-Ridge Farm), Cash Cook (Police Chief- Catlin), Brad Prunkard (Trustee-Sidell), Paul Faraci (DCEO), Julie Boersma (Trustee- Bismarck), Chuck Mockbee (Attorney- Bismarck)

The Quarterly meeting was called to order by Terry Prillaman at 6 PM. Introductions were made.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved unanimously. Moved by Mayor Woodard, second- Trustee Boersma

Nominations were opened for the 2009-2010 Council Chairman. Mayor Ferber nominated Mayor Woodard, second by Mayor Lucas. Motion approved unanimously.

Sen. Frerichs and Rep. Black gave Annual Legislative Report.

Mayor Prillaman asked, "Will State income taxes coming back to municipalities be cut?" Sen. Frerichs responded, "Mayor Daley and Chicago lobbied heavily to have this stopped. In the next ten months there must be new revenue coming into the State."

Mayor Woodard asked. "Has there been any discussion to reform the pension system with an automatic 25 year and out clause?" Rep. Black responded, "You'll see major reforms in the pension systems." Sen. Frerichs added, "Age discrimination may be a problem with a 25 year and out clause". Trustee Spurlock mentioned, "The IMRF model seems to be a good pension system."

Sen. Frerichs was excused at 6:45 PM.

Rep. Black stated, "The Feds have given the State's notice they better get prepared to enforce the Clean Water Act."

Mayor Woodard asked about changes in gambling (casino and video) laws. Rep. Black stated, "Danville is included in the new Casino Bill along with Waukegan and Rockford. If we can get 800 permanent jobs, 500 construction jobs and a \$400 million dollar investment I will support that. This is a long shot. Joliet currently outs \$1 million a month from their casino into their City Treasury."

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Mayor Woodard asked about EPA and clean air laws. Rep. Black replied, "The environmental lobby is strong. The Federal Cap & Trade Bill may not allow us to burn coal."

Rep. Black stated, "The legislators are not expected to be back in Springfield until October."

Mayor Prillaman suggested the next meeting should provide a discussion about ordinances for golf carts on village streets. Council gave consensus agreement.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

The next Mayors' Council is scheduled for October 22, 2009. The Mayors are encouraged to bring trustees.

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