



# Economic Development Committee

215 S. East Street

Carlinville, IL 62626

<http://www.macoupincountyil.gov/>

## Regular Meeting

### ~ Minutes ~

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

6:00 PM

County Board Room

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Armour, Dragovich, Kilduff, Klausing, Payne (Remote), Starr, Duncan

ABSENT:

#### II. AGENDA ITEMS

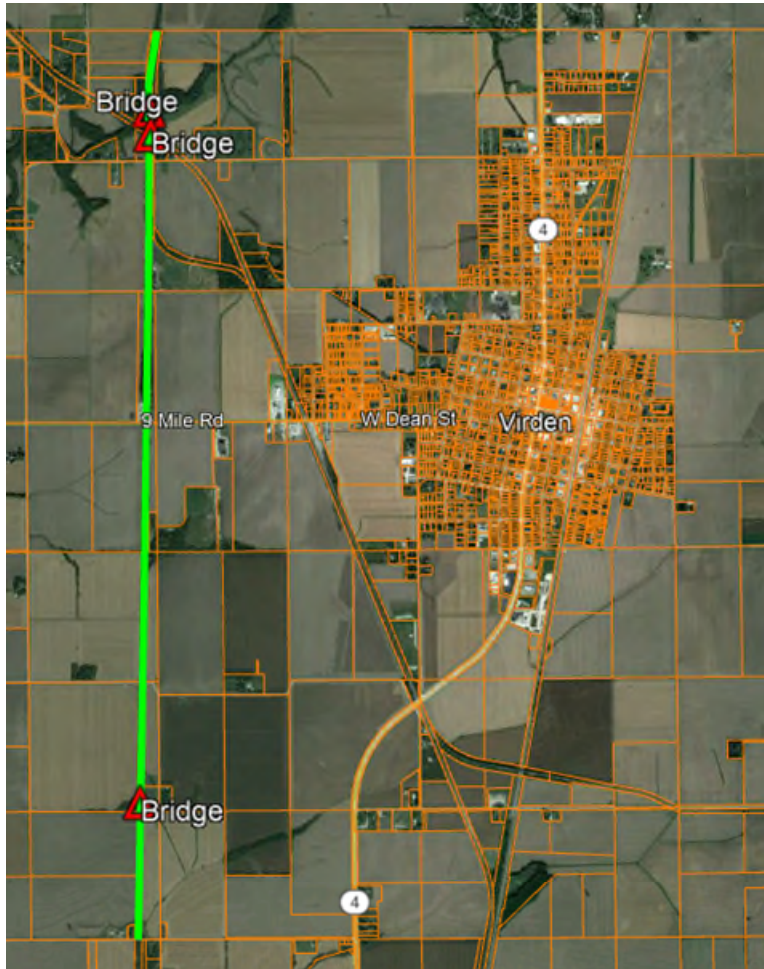
##### 1. Macoupin Trails Bike Trail Project Connecting Girard to Sangamon

Ben Orcutt with UK North America and Jenny Neff spoke about the trail from the northern most county border on the north side of Virden to the Country Club Road in Girard. They had been working on fundraising for the project, but had not yet raised enough to complete the project. Ben had reached out to her a few months ago about a possible collaboration between his wind company and the trail project to complete this part of the project. Orcutt discussed his company and it's interest in Illinois. He had approached Neff as he needed to get one of his projects in Montgomery County connected to the West Chester substation in Sangamon. They had reached out to land owners and had some momentum but was running into losing farmground usage. That was when they decided to try and utilize the abandoned railroads with the Rail to Trails project. They had reached out to a surveyor company to try and connect the existing bike trail in Sangamon and create a bike trail 20 miles long with 3.53 miles in Macoupin County. In exchange, they would like to run their 138kV transmission line near the trail in some sections. The total cost for the engineering and construction costs for Macoupin Trail segment would be \$4.5 million, which they would cover. The maintenance after the construction would be completed would not be something they would handle. Neff said she believed the fundraising they have completed as well as an adopt-a-mile program should be able to handle the maintenance in the future.

##### 2. Wind Ordinance Implementation

Duncan said there was another wind company getting ready to submit for a permit. Since the county did not have zoning, there wasn't the typical infrastructure to handle implementing it. The committee suggested reaching out to Logan, McLean, and Menard to see how they handle the situation.

# Macoupin Valley Trail - Overview



3.53 miles in Macoupin Co.

- Sangamon/Macoupin Co. line to Finney Rd.
- UKA working with Sangamon Co. to develop 16.25 miles in Sangamon – would connect to existing Sangamon Valley Trail

3 known bridges/water crossings + 2 culverts

10' wide trail base + 2' gravel shoulder on either side

Construction would begin by end of 2025 – complete by mid-2027 for entire ~20 mile trail

# Macoupin Valley Trail - Undertaking

<b>Environmental</b>	General - NEPA/404 Categorical Exclusion ESR 4f Evaluation 6f Land Conversion Historic Preservation Noise Analyses Flood Plain Study Wetlands/WIE Threatened and Endangered Species Farmland Conversion Air Quality Special Waste - PESA/PSI
<b>Project Development</b>	Data Collection Geometric Design Roadway Capacity Study/IDS's Pavement Design Commitments Design Variances Typical Sections Preliminary Plan & Profile Sheets Cross Sections ROW Drainage Study Hydraulic Report BCR TS&L Geotech PBDHR Cost Estimates Preliminary PDR Final PDR
<b>Survey</b>	Set Control and CL Cross Sections and Topo Hydraulic Dump Points/Drafting Pick-up Boundary/ROW

## Engineering & Construction

- Contracted with Kuhn & Trello Consulting Engineers (Springfield) in November 2022
  - Multi-use trail & utility corridor design experience in several IL counties, including segments along Sangamon Valley Trail
- Anticipated engineering + construction costs for Macoupin Trail segment:
  - ~ **\$4.5M**

# Macoupin Valley Trail – UKA Request

Option to utilize UKA-funded trail land for 138kV transmission line

- 55-year agreement
- Normally Right-of-Way for line this size is 100' total width
- Steel, mono-pole structures 70-80' tall, offset from trail, approx. 700-900' spacing
- UKA owns & operates transmission line, Macoupin Co. owns & operates trail

