

**MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE (MO/LIC)
MEETING MINUTES # 2-2011**

DATE: February 11, 2011

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 2—2nd Floor; Oneida County Court House;
Rhineland, WI

PRESENT: Committee Chair Dave Hintz; Committee Members Tom Rudolph;
Peter Wolk; Mike Timmons; Forest Director John Bilogan; Forestry Secretary
Cindy Eckardt; Planning & Zoning Director Karl Jennrich; Corporation Counsel
Brian Desmond.

EXCUSED: Gary Baier; David Schatzley

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Berns; Natalene Cummings; John Potters.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—Committee Chair Hintz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., noting that the meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Wolk, to approve the February 11, 2011 agenda, with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2011 MO/LIC MEETING—It was moved by Timmons, seconded by Wolk, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2011 MO/LIC meeting. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM ATTORNEY SCOTT—From approximately 9:45 a.m.—10:15 a.m. the MO/LIC heard from Attorney Bill Scott via speaker phone. Attorney Scott had provided a copy of a revised 2011 Action Plan with Time Estimates that were distributed to the MO/LIC via Chair Hintz. Attorney Scott went through the revised 2011 Action Plan, noting some cost estimates to be less than on the first draft plan (first draft plan \$21,000.00 to revised draft plan \$12,300.00 to \$18,800.00). Attorney Scott stated three main issues from the revised draft plan, those being: possible revenue from bid fees to bidders; job creation; environmental friendly; keep public informed; and “test waters” for other mining companies interest.

Comments from others were as follows:

Tom Rudolph suggested that Tom Evans, UW-Extension, assist with time line establishment and to request that Tom Evan's publication be made available to the MO/LIC.

Nataline Cummings, Potawatomi, urged the MO/LIC to look at the track record of any of the mining companies and bidders and to look for integrity and environmental issues.

Attorney Scott stated that he is ready to proceed with item # 2 and # 3 of the revised (2.10.2011) action plan, stating the following: identify serious contenders (i.e. mining companies) if any; solicit by advertisements; public notice in paper

and other media (as a way to “test the waters”); Notification of Interest (by mining companies); alternative ways to provide info (Attorney Scott to e-mail MO/LIC and obtain input from Tom Evans).

It was the general consensus of the MO/LIC to have Attorney Scott proceed with items # 2 and # 3 of the revised (2.10.2011) 2011 action plan and report back to the MO/LIC at the March 4, 2011 meeting.

UPDATE / INPUT FROM GOV. WALKER; TOM TIFFANY; JIM HOLPERIN; TOWN OF LYNNE—Chair Hintz had talked to staff representatives from Gov. Walker’s office and was told that job creation is a number one priority. Chair Hintz talked to Tom Tiffany concerning the state fund and reinstating fund board and cost estimate. Tom Rudolph stated that he had talked with Dan Meyer and was indicated to him that no money was available in the State Mining Impact Fund. Chair Hintz stated that the Wisconsin Counties Association will look into any help with the State Mining Impact Fund with the utilization of lobbyists. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Wolk, to draft a new letter to Gov. Walker in reference to the Mining Impact Fund Board, and reinstating that board, stating creation of jobs, and to include copies of the letter to legislators, DNR Secretary, Tom Tiffany, and any others that would be pertinent. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF 2011 ACTION PLAN WITH ESTIMATED COSTS—Refer to above notes.

FUNDING OPTIONS:

- a) 2011 budgeted amounts: approximately \$15,000.00.
- b) Mining Impact Account: approximately \$44,000.00, less approximately \$17,000.00 for Rainbow Snowmobile Bridge Load upgrade, if resolution passed by County Board on February 15, 2011. Bilogan stated that he had checked with Margie Sorenson, Finance Director, and was told to proceed this way from the Mineral Resources Account.
- c) State Fund (Mining Impact Fund Board): Chair Hintz stated that the MO/LIC will proceed with attempting to reinstate the State Mining Fund Impact Board.

UPDATE ON POTENTIAL MOVEMENT OF METALLIC MINING RESPONSIBILITY FROM FORESTRY DEPARTMENT TO PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT—There was a question of who had the authority to move the responsibility from one department to another. John Potters thought that this could be done via ordinance amendment or resolution and he could do some checking on the matter, as to the correct process. The Planning & Zoning Department could also request this to their Planning & Zoning Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BILLS / VOUCHERS / LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)—None.

SELECT DATE FOR NEXT MO/LIC MEETING—Friday, March 4, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in Committee Room # 2, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS—Update of Item # 2 & # 3 of 2011 Action Plan via Attorney Scott and Tom Evans (conference call); “testing waters” discussion; Update on letter to Gov. Walker; Update on time line with Tom Evans.

ADJOURN—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Timmons, to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Motion carried.

**DAVE HINTZ
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY**