

MINUTES OF THE MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE
MEETING # 1-2009

DATE: May 7, 2009

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Rudolph; Committee Members Andrew Smith;
Frank Greb; Gary Baier; Forest Administrator John Bilogan;
Forestry Office Secretary Cindy Eckardt;
Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond; and attached list of attendees.

EXCUSED: Patricia L. Peters

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—The meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law was called to order by Chair Rudolph at 1:33 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA OF PRESENT MEETING—It was moved by Greb, seconded by Smith, to approve the May 7, 2009 agenda. Motion carried.

ONEIDA COUNTY GENERAL CODE 2.60 MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE (CR.#38-93; AM.#104-97)—Chair Rudolph stated a brief outline of the Oneida County General Code 2.60 as it relates to the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee.

HISTORY OF MINING ACTIVITIES IN ONEIDA COUNTY—Chair Rudolph reiterated the history of mining activities in Oneida County, which started in 1969, stating a moratorium in June of 1988, and to date (May 2009) no metallic mining activity is being conducted in Oneida County.

TAMERLANE VENTURES INC. DRAFT PROPOSAL: PETITION TO OPEN ONEIDA COUNTY FOREST LAND TO MINERAL LEASING—Ross Burns and Brent Jones with Tamerlane Ventures Inc. discussed the preliminary proposal, stating the following: Tamerlane Ventures Inc began in the year 2000; they do underground mining; studies (environmental, etc) are done; the Lynne area is estimated to be in the 7 million ton range and could possibly provide work to approximately 200 employees; mineral resources to China. Greb asked about reclamation. Rudolph suggested a more detailed presentation would be needed in the future. Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond suggested that the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee first address the following committees for input and direction concerning mineral leasing in Oneida County: Oneida County Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee and the Oneida County Planning & Zoning Committee; Finance; & UW—Extension.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Greb, to refer the issue of Tamerlane Ventures Inc proposal to petition to open Oneida County Forest Land to Mineral Leasing to the Oneida County Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee to determine and decide if the Forestry Committee wants the Oneida County Forest opened to mineral leasing. Motion carried.

MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE BUDGET—No money allocated in the 2009 Budget for the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee. However, per Finance Director Margie Sorenson, 10% of funds can be requested from the County's Contingency Account or the General Fund, per County Board resolution.

SUPPORT STAFF ASSIGNMENTS—The Committee felt that in the future we may need to decide if and where these support staff assignments may be acquired.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA—Report from Oneida County Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee as to their decision if they want Oneida County to pursue mineral leasing on the Oneida County Forest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Attendees were wondering where information could be obtained and were told on-line. Also, Fred A. Ackley, Jr., Sokaogan Chippewa Community asked the County to consider the environmental factors when deciding if they want to allow mineral leasing on the Oneida County Forest.

SELECT DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING—June 11, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Board Room, was selected as the next scheduled meeting of the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee meeting. The next Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee will be June 3, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., in Committee Room # 1.

ADJOURN—With business completed, it was moved by Greb, seconded by Baier, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

TOM RUDOLPH
COMMITTEE CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY