

**MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE (MO/LIC) MEETING
MINUTES # 4—2012**

DATE: April 11, 2012
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: County Board Room—2nd Floor—Court House, Rhinelander WI

PRESENT: Committee Chair Dave Hintz; Committee Members Peter Wolk; Mike Timmons; Gary Baier; Tom Rudolph, David Schatzley. John Bilogan, Forest Director. Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Carol Schatzley, Alan & Sharon VanRaalte, Anna Mareno, Sarah Juon, Karl Fate, Marcus Neemann, Tracy Benzel, Nat Gulden, Roman Ferdinand. Karl Jennrich, Planning & Zoning Director.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—Committee Chair Hintz called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., noting that the meeting 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 current agenda with the order of agenda at Chair’s discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES of February 27, 2012 MO/LIC MEETING—It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Timmons, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting. All aye, Schatzley abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING RECOMMENDATIONS—Schatzley requested clarification of hearings vs meetings. Desmond recommended following resolution 54.87 which calls for public information meetings. Unlike public hearings, a meeting has no legal requirements or timelines. Hintz agreed, as the intent is to take questions and comments from the public. Timmons suggested beginning with two meetings, one in Lynne and one in Rhinelander, possibly on the same Saturday. This may be more convenient for appropriate persons to be available for a single day.

Bilogan noted that it will be difficult to get a meeting with the Lac du Flambeau tribe completed and then publicize meeting notices for the Public Information Meeting in time to meet the May dates, since the committees will not be formed until after the new County Board meets on April 17. He also asked whether the committee will be made up according to prior memo, specifying department heads to be included. Desmond opined that was no longer a requirement, but will check further.

The Committee discussed additional options, including a meeting on the radio and possibly adding Tomahawk to locations. Some members felt that bids should be out before any meetings are held, so more information about environmental and economic impact would be available. Schatzley disagreed, stating that the County Board tasked this committee to gauge public opinion, not to educate the public on mining operations. There was discussion about taking questions in advance to collate similar questions and cover more public concerns. Hintz also suggested a

survey by public attendees to quantify some of the concerns and numbers. It was suggested that a referendum may be helpful to get public opinion about whether to go forward with the process.

It was moved by Rudolph to schedule two meetings for a single Saturday, either May 12 or May 19. It will be scheduled once the new committee is appointed and after the meeting with the LDF Tribal Council. Wolk seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Hintz provided a draft proposal and agenda for public meetings. The agendas will include Lynne mining background, County, State and Federal regulations, presentations to include tribal, environmental and other experts, public input and survey of attendees. Rudolph moved to approve the agenda with minor adjustments possible regarding times. Baier seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

TRANSITION TO NEW COMMITTEE—

- a) Hintz will help with transition to new committee as needed.
- b) This committee will combine with the Forestry Committee.
- c) Forestry department will contact tribal council to arrange a meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—

Alan VanRaalte – Radio broadcast meeting is a great idea. Wants to see more than just mining experts invited to answer questions. Environmental groups should be invited as well. Hopes the survey/votes are anonymous so peer pressure does not affect how people answer. He noted that the economic impact will not be as significant as some believe and gave statistics from the Ladysmith mining operation.

Karl Fate – Tamarlane’s objective is not exploration, but development. Leasing gives leaseholder exclusive minerals rights. Public opinion needs to be able to go on record. Need presentation of existing information. Allow public to question presenters or elected officials. Committee should not “cherry-pick” questions. Wants a balanced panel, Dr. Geddes has volunteered. Need more information about current County Forest environment, not just around Lynne.

Sarah Juon – It seems clear from other meetings that the public is not in favor of mining. If that is again the result, will the committee listen? Committee appears to be pro-mining.

BUDGET / BILLS / VOUCHERS / LINE ITEM TRANSFERS— None

SELECT DATE FOR FUTURE MEETING— May 2, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING— To be determined

ADJOURNMENT—It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Timmons, to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Motion carried.

DAVE HINTZ
COMMITTEE CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY