

MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE (MO/LIC)
MEETING MINUTES # 12-2010

DATE: August 12, 2010
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: County Board Room, Oneida County Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Committee Chair David Hintz; Committee Members Tom Rudolph; Gary Baier; Peter Wolk; David Schatzley, Ex Officio; Planning Manager Steve Osterman; Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond; Dan Kuzlik, UW—Extension.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Tabbert; Alan VanRaalte; Karl A. Fate; A. Jane Schrameyer.

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 Committee Chair Dave Hintz at 9:30 a.m. Chair Hintz made an announcement that Larry Greschner, Vice Chair of the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee had passed away August 10, 2010. A moment of silence followed.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to approve the August 12, 2010 agenda, with the order of agenda items at Chair’s discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2010 MO/LIC MEETING—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2010 MO/LIC meeting. Motion carried.

DISCUSS REMARKS, COMMENTS, AND EVALUATIONS RELATED TO INFORMATION AND LISTENING SESSION AND FOLLOW-UP PLANS—Chair Hintz stated that approximately 150 people had attended the July 24th public informational meeting / listening session, which Dan Kuzlik (UW—Extension) facilitated. Dan Kuzlik presented a power point presentation from the July 24th public informational meeting / listening session, of which the following concerns, remarks, comments, and evaluations were gathered: Water and Other Pollution; Economics; Tamerlane Ventures Company—questions about the company; Oneida County’s concerns; Infrastructure (rails / railroads; full time fire department versus volunteer fire department); Health / Environment; Thanks from citizens for having a public informational meeting / listening session; Public Speakers List; Evaluation Statistics (received 20 evaluations). Dan Kuzlik stated that a printed copy of the power point information from the July 24th meeting will be available from Oneida County Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond. Committee Member Tom Rudolph thanked Dan Kuzlik for facilitating the July 24th meeting and the power point presentation. Committee Member Gary Baier also thanked Dan Kuzlik, and felt that the background information on Tamerlane Ventures and any other mining companies is important, as well as environmental impact assessments / statements. Chair Dave Hintz also thanked Dan Kuzlik.

REVIEW / DISCUSS TOM EVANS E-MAIL DATED 7/26/2010—Chair Hintz read Tom Evans e-mail of 7/26/2010, a copy of which had been distributed to the MO/LIC. Main topics in Tom Evans e-mail were as follows: Thanks to MO/LIC and the Town of Lynne for the great organization of the meeting, topics, leadership, facility, and efforts of everyone involved. Mr. Evans stated that he would be unable to attend the August 12th meeting, but expressed his opinion of the next step of the timeline, that being for the MO/LIC to decide if they still want to continue

to consider leasing county lands in the Town of Lynne. Mr. Evans went on to talk about the committee's response to the questions asked and the statements made at the July 24th meeting.

DISCUSS AND AGREE UPON DIRECTION OF COMMITTEE:

Three Potential Directions: Chair Hintz presented three options he felt the Committee could discuss and hopefully agree upon, those being: 1) shut down and move on; 2) move forward as soon as possible and develop a mining lease; 3) Evaluate process with assessments (environmental and economic). Chair Hintz then asked the Committee for their decision. Baier's first choice was 1; then 3. Wolk, Rudolph, and Hintz all chose the third option. Dave Schatzley's choice was the first option.

Update County Board: It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Baier, to update the County Board of the MO/LIC progress on continuing the evaluation process. Motion carried. Dan Kuzlik offered to present the same power point presentation at a future Oneida County Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Karl Fate, Town of Crescent resident, agreed with Option 1 (shut down and move on). Mr. Fate reminded that companies such as Tamerlane Ventures present a sales pitch, whether the mine might be open pit, underground, and freezing ring technology. Mr. Fate made reference to the Oneida County Mining Ordinance and adverse impacts to the wetlands, etc. A. Jane Schrameyer, Town of Hazelhurst resident, distributed air photos of the Ladysmith Mine, and asked the MO/LIC to consider the cost of law suits that may follow the mining process. Alan Van Raalte, Town of Little Rice resident, stated the judiciary responsibilities of the mining companies. Bob Tabbert, Price County resident, and exploration geologist, stated to be aware of dilute sulphuric acid in tailing ponds. If the MO/LIC proceeds, be very careful. Pete Wolk feels the Oneida County residents should make the decision if Oneida County proceeds with a mining lease. Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond stated as a reminder that the County Board has final say, based on the recommendation of the MO/LIC, if Oneida County will proceed with a mining lease. Gary Baier felt that answers from the WDNR on mineral rights, etc still need to be addressed.

DISCUSS SHORT TERM ACTION PLANS—Update County Board in September of the progress of the MO/LIC's decision in the evaluation process with assessments.

DISCUSS LONG TERM ACTION PLANS—After September County Board meeting, look for direction and feedback, if needed.

UPDATE TIMELINE—No discussion.

2011 BUDGET—Copies of the 2011 Budget for the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee were distributed. The MO/LIC wanted more time to review the budget. Finance Director Margie Sorenson was present to answer any questions. The MO/LIC decided to wait until their next meeting—September 3, 2010—to approve the 2011 Budget.

BILLS / VOUCHERS—Al Christianson \$100.00. It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Baier, to approve reimbursing Al Christianson \$100.00 (attendance / mileage / per diem to attend July 24th public informational meeting / listening session). Motion carried.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)—None.

SELECT DATE FOR NEXT MO/LIC MEETING—Friday, September 3, 2010, at 9:30 a.m

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS—Appoint / Nominate / Elect Vice Chair Replacement; Discuss / Approve 2011 Budget; Approve minutes from July 24 and August 12

meetings; Update County Board for September meeting on the MO/LIC evaluation process with assessments.

ADJOURN—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried.

DAVID HINTZ
COMMITTEE CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY