

**MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE (MO/LIC)
MEETING MINUTES # 3—2011**

DATE: March 4, 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 Peter Wolk; Mike Timmons; Forest Director John Bilogan; Forestry Secretary Cindy Eckardt; David Schatzley, Ex Officio; Planning & Zoning Director Karl Jennrich; Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond.

EXCUSED: Gary Baier; Tom Rudolph.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Scott; Paul Knuth; Bob Berns; Alan and Sharon Van Raalte; Tracy Benzel; Lynne Braydrich.

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 AMENDED AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AMENDED AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION—It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Timmons, to approve the March 4, 2011 amended agenda, with the order of amended agenda items at Chair’s discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2011 MO/LIC MEETING—It was moved by Timmons, seconded by Wolk, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2011 MO/LIC meeting. Motion carried.

TESTING THE WATERS—Ideas for Gauging Actual Interest in Leasing Mineral Rights—Attorney Bill Scott, MO/LIC Chair Dave Hintz, and UW—Extension Geologist Tom Evans worked together in preparing Ideas for gauging interest in leasing mineral rights. A revised draft was distributed to those in attendance of the March 4, 2011 MO/LIC meeting, listing 5 alternatives for testing the waters, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Chair Hintz asked the MO/LIC members (Wolk & Timmons) in attendance, as well as Ex Officio Dave Schatzley, which alternative they preferred. Timmons liked Alternative 2. Wolk liked Alternative 2 and 5. Schatzley liked Alternative 2. However, they were all in agreement that they would like more time to study the alternatives and tabled a decision to the April meeting. They also stated that they felt excused MO/LIC members Rudolph and Baier should have copies of the Alternatives sent to them, in time for them to study by the April meeting.

MINING IMPACT FUND BOARD EXPERIENCE (PAUL KNUTH)—Paul Knuth was in attendance and presented the MO/LIC with some insight and experience, such as creating revenue for Oneida County; partnership with local businesses; and stress clean and safe ideas for mining exploration.

APPROACH TO REQUEST REINSTATEMENT OF STATE MINING IMPACT

BOARD—Paul Knuth was also very informative in providing information on the State Mining Impact Board, which is inactive at the present time. The Governor can reactivate at any time, or when mining permit is granted. Chair Hintz is in the process of drafting a letter to Gov. Walker. Chair Hintz also talked to Tom Tiffany. It was also suggested that the WCA may be able to help.

MOVE FUNDING FROM MINING RESOURCES ACCOUNT TO COVER LEGAL

COSTS—Chair Hintz read an e-mail he had received from excused MO/LOC member, Tom Rudolph, in which Mr. Rudolph disagreed with moving the funding from the Mining Resources Account. David Schatzley stated that he felt some of the money could be moved from Mining Resources to cover legal costs. Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond stated that an amendment via County Board Resolution to amend the budget would be required. It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Timmons, to have a resolution drafted for the County Board to consider at the April 2011 County Board meeting to transfer \$20,000.00 from Mineral Resources Account to the Mining Impact non-lapsing budget account to cover legal costs. Motion carried. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Alan VanRaalte urged the MO/LIC to carefully consider the promises and financial credibility of any mining company expressing interest in exploration.

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

SELECT DATE FOR NEXT MO/LIC MEETING—Friday, April 1, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in the County Board Room, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS—Testing the Waters Alternatives; Update on letter to Gov. Walker; Review draft resolution for moving funds from Mineral Resources Account to cover legal costs; consider clarification as to who should be on MO/LIC.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Timmons, seconded by Wolk, to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Motion carried.

DAVE HINTZ
COMMITTEE CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY