

**MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE (MO/LIC)
MEETING MINUTES # 5—2011**

DATE: May 13, 2011

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 1—2nd Floor; Oneida County Court House;
Rhineland, WI

PRESENT: Committee Chair Dave Hintz; Committee Members Tom Rudolph;
Peter Wolk; Mike Timmons; Gary Baier; Forest Director John Bilogan;
Forestry Secretary Cindy Eckardt; David Schatzley, Ex Officio;
Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond; Attorney Bill Scott.

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Knuth; Manny Oradei; Todd Troskey; Karl Jennrich;
Craig Mandli; Richard Moore; Karl Fate.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—Committee Chair Hintz called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 REVISED AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF REVISED AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR’S DISCRETION—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Timmons, to approve the May 13, 2011 agenda, with the order of agenda items at Chair’s discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2011 MO/LIC MEETING—It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2011 MO/LIC meeting. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN OF LITTLE RICE LETTER DATED 5/9/11—A letter from the Town of Little Rice to the Oneida County Mining Oversight and Local Impact Committee, and the Oneida County Board, dated May 9, 2009 was discussed. The Town of Little Rice is concerned about the Mining Oversight and Local Impact Committee (MOLIC) deliberations concerning the potential mining of mineral deposits in the Town of Lynne. The Town of Little Rice also expressed concerns about the MOLIC expediting the mineral exploration process, urging any mining company considered for the exploration and / or mining of mineral deposits be required to provide proof of its financial viability to ensure that it possessed the resources necessary to rectify any damage to the environment. Furthermore, the Town of Lynne voiced concerns about a bond to be held by the Town of Little Rice prior to any on-site exploration. Attorney Bill Scott stated that there is a bond requirement in place in the County’s Mining Ordinance.

DISCUSSION OF STAR JOURNAL ARTICLE “MINING COULD MEAN ECONOMIC BOOST TO ONEIDA COUNTY”—A copy of the Star Journal article “Mining Could Mean Economic Boost to Oneida County” was distributed to the MOLIC. MOLIC members Tom Rudolph and Peter Wolk felt the article sounded threatening to the County if mining exploration didn’t proceed. Other MOLIC members didn’t feel that way about the article.

“TESTING THE WATERS” STRATEGY AND DOCUMENT PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW—Attorney Bill Scott distributed the “Procedure for Testing the Waters” which includes a sample Public Notice and Implemental Initiative. The MOLIC felt as though they should proceed and take the initiative and move forward with mineral resource *exploration*. Attorney Bill Scott advised going over the procedures for testing the waters, as follows:

- A.1. Obtain Expression of Interest from mining companies interested in mineral leasing with Oneida County to determine if there will be sufficient competition to allow the County’s competitive bid system to function as intended.
- A.2. Set amount of \$500.00 non-refundable fee for processing responses to the Notice.
- A.3. Contact Finance Director Margie Sorenson to agree on establishment of an account for depositing all fees received.
- A.4. It was decided that the Oneida County Clerk’s Office will receive the submittals.
- A.5. Decide on specific wording of the Public Notice. Utilize county’s web-site and links. Utilize discretion of Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond and MOLIC Chair Dave Hintz.
- A.6. Items a—f. Include the County Forest Block maps on the county web-site. Have Letters of Intent deadline of June 30, 2011.
- A.7. Oneida County Mining Oversight and Local Impact Committee (MOLIC) will process, tabulate, and review the responses received.
- A.8. The County’s ITS Department will post the content the county’s web site, with links to UW—Extension, OCEDC, and any other appropriate entities. Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond will coordinate this information with the ITS Department.

It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to proceed as discussed (above) with the “testing the waters” initiative, including the \$500.00 non-refundable fee, under the discretion of Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond and MOLIC Chair Hintz, with the Letters of Intent deadline of June 30, 2011. Motion carried. (Passed unanimously.)

MINING BUDGET UPDATE, INCLUDING AVAILABILITY OF STATE MINING FUNDS

—Gary Baier stated that he had requested a record of the State Mining Funds, but had been told that there are no State mining funds available. Paul Knuth also stated that no funds are available. Chair Hintz stated that he had received a “form” letter in reply to his letter to Gov. Walker concerning the State Mining Funds, and the State Impact Board. Attorney Bill Scott stated that there are sub accounts in the State Mining Fund.

DISCUSS EX OFFICIOS MEMBERSHIP ON THE MOLIC—Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond stated that more people can be added to the MOLIC *if and when necessary*. Current Ex Officio Dave Schatzley requested that he be added as a voting member onto the MOLIC. Corporation Counsel stated this would be possible, with an amendment to the ordinance. In the future, another ex officio can be added to the MOLIC. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Timmons, to allow Dave Schatzley (as Town of Lynne representative), to become a voting member on the MO/LIC, via ordinance amendment. Chair Hintz called for Roll Call Vote. Baier—aye; Wolk—aye; Timmons—aye; Rudolph—nay; Hintz—aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Karl Fate stated the following: Oneida County (MOLIC) is wasting time to spend money; hiring a lawyer is ridiculous; opposition to mining in public meeting; environmental policy and record of mining company need to be examined more thoroughly.

Manny Oradei stated that in Gogebic County the mining exploration is taking place on private property.

BILLS / VOUCHERS / LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)—

It was moved by Wolk, seconded by Baier, to pay the Invoice of \$4,645.00 to Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan for legal fees for services rendered for the Lynne Deposit Mineral Leasing. Motion carried.

It was moved by Baier, seconded by Timmons, to re-do the County Mining Fund resolution (from April) to replenish Mining Fund, to offset any incurred expenses with mining related revenues. Chair Hintz called for Roll Call Vote. Bair—aye; Wolk—aye; Rudolph—nay; Timmons—aye; Hintz—aye. Motion carried.

SELECT DATE FOR NEXT MO/LIC MEETING—Friday, July 8, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in Committee Room # 1, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS—Letters of Intent; Ordinance Amendment RE: Town of Lynne Representative; Resolution RE: funding.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Timmons, to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Motion carried.

**DAVE HINTZ
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY**