

**FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING # 5 - 2012**

**DATE:** April 25, 2012

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Committee Room # 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

**PRESENT:** Chair Baier; Committee Members: Martinson, Rudolph, Shidell, Sorensen, Schatzley, Advisor Hintz; Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Bradley. Thomas Wiensch, Corporation Counsel.

**OTHERS:** Kriste Strasburg, Carol Schatzley, Alan & Sharon VanRaalte, Manny Oradei, Chuck Jacobs, Roman Ferdinand, Tina VanZile, Dee Allen, Natalene Cummings, Bob Berns, Kathleen Kelly

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**— At 1:35 p.m. Chair Baier called the meeting to order, noting that it 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 Sorensen, seconded by Martinson, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**—New members are Jerry Shidell and Jack Sorensen. David Hintz will continue on in a non-voting, advisory capacity only.

**ELECTION OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR**—Rudolph nominated Sorensen. No other nominations. All aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE April 11, 2012 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING**— It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2012 Mining Oversight Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

**UPDATE PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FORMER MINING COMMITTEE.**  
Advisor Hintz distributed a handout with a draft proposal from the former mining committee for the public meetings with suggestions for number, locations, timing, agenda and survey of public opinion. Items for consideration included taking questions in advance, via internet or written and whether to conduct an advisory non-binding referendum.

Baier stated there should be a panel of industry experts at the public meetings to answer questions, suggesting Army Corps of Engineers, DNR Mining, Wastewater and Air Quality regulators, WI Geographical Service and attorney William Scott.

**PROPOSED OPEN MEETING WITH THE LAC DU FLAMBEAU TRIBAL COUNCIL**—  
Committee gave three possible dates for the meeting; May 8, May 10 or May 15. Location will be Woodruff, time will be 6:30 p.m. Bilogan will follow up with a tribal representative to schedule date, time and place.

**FORMAT, SCHEDULE, LOGISTICS, AND LOCATIONS FOR PROPOSED PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MINING MEETINGS**—It was decided to hold two public meetings, each lasting three hours, one in Lynne and one in Rhinelander, both on May 19. The first meeting will be at the Town of Lynne, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Rhinelander meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. on the same day. There was discussion of potential panel members. Hintz stated with or without DNR representatives, Tom Evans and Phil Fauble, the meeting will be difficult. Martinson asked whether opposing views will be presented. Hintz stated the DNR reps are neutral on mining but have good information to provide. Rudolph stated that this is an informational meeting and should not debate pro or con mining. There was discussion about the committee's direction from the county board. Bilogan will follow up with panel requests and to obtain a Rhinelander venue, possibly the James Williams Jr. High auditorium. Discussion of panel members, meeting logistics and mechanism for gauging public opinion. Rudolph motioned to accept schedule and locations as proposed. Sorensen seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

**MEETING FACILITATOR FOR PROPOSED PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MINING MEETING**—It was agreed that Dan Kuzlik, formerly of the UW Extension office, would be an appropriate facilitator, as he is knowledgeable, and has done so in the past. Bilogan will contact him to see if he is available.

**NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING**—*Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 9:00 a.m.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**—

Karl Fate – Public has been asking for the hearing so people can be heard. People have more information than three years ago. No description of environment in the resolution. Appears committee does not want an environmentalist on panel.

Natalene Cummings - USEPA should be represented. Can someone discuss mining impacts on environment? Revise questions to be more specific.

Kriste Strasburg – Committee should allow people as much time as needed to speak.

Alan VanRaalte –Committee change gives opportunity to address issues. Looks forward to sharing concerns and research.

Kathleen Kelly – Those opposed to mining also have important information to provide.

Lloyd Strasburg – Glad there will be experts, as there have not been experts heard previously

**ADJOURNMENT**—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Sorensen, to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

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GARY BAIER  
CHAIR

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JILL BRADLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY