

MINUTES OF THE **MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT** COMMITTEE  
MEETING # 2-2009

DATE: June 11, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: County Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Tom Rudolph; Committee Members Andrew Smith; Frank Greb;  
Forest Director John Bilogan; Forestry Office Secretary Cindy Eckardt;  
Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond; Peter Wolk.

EXCUSED: Patricia L. Peters; Gary Baier.

**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 Chair Rudolph at 9:00 a.m.

**APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA OF PRESENT MEETING**—It was moved by Greb, seconded by Smith, to approve the June 11, 2009 agenda. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2009 MEETING**—It was moved by Greb, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2009 meeting with the following correction: on page 2, correct name from "...seconded by Greg" to seconded by Greb. Motion carried.

**LEASING OF ONEIDA COUNTY FOREST LAND FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION AND MINING**—Bilogan stated that on June 3, 2009 the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee discussed the leasing of Oneida County Forest Land for mineral exploration and mining, with the following action taken: It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to forward information to Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee, stating that the Oneida County, Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee wishes to proceed with the policy as outlined in Resolution # 54-87, and to leave the decision to open mining on Oneida County Forest land to the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee. Motion carried.

**DNR PRESENTATION ON METALLIC MINING**—The DNR representative was unavailable to give a presentation on metallic mining at this time.

**ONEIDA COUNTY ZONING IN RELATION TO METALLIC MINING**—Karl Jennrich, Planning & Zoning Director, and Steve Osterman, Planning & Zoning Planning Manager, from Oneida County Planning & Zoning Department were in attendance to give a brief update on the historical background on the last updated code and ordinance (per Resolution # 21-90). No changes have been made to the code and ordinance since Resolution # 21-90. Jennrich explained that any exploration requires a CUP, which in

turn could require rezoning, followed by formal public hearings. Greb asked that copies of the code and ordinance be forwarded to the Mining Oversight Local Impact Committee.

**SUPPORT STAFF ASSIGNMENTS**—A UW—Extension employee well versed in mining issues offered his / her assistance as support staff.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**—Presentation on metallic mining; Update on Resolution # 21-90 and availability of exploration details; UW—Extension Support Staff.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**—Lenore Neumann (4880 Willow Road, Tripoli, WI) questioned deed restrictions, specifically the W1/2SW1/4NW1/4 Sec.15, Document # 510763. Chair Rudolph asked Land Information Director Mike Romportl and Steve Osterman to check into the deed(s) with restrictions. Karl Fate opposed mining activity on the Oneida County Forest and encouraged on site tour or inspection of proposed Lynne site, stating that there was still a mining moratorium in state law. John Coleman with the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission suggested that Tom Evans from the WI Geological & Natural History Survey be invited to speak at the next meeting. Bill Emerling, WI Mining Coalition, expressed his concerns about mining. Dave Schatzley, Chairman, Town of Lynne, asked to keep the long term impact and short term disruption in mind for the Town of Lynne residents.

**SELECT DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**—**July 9, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Board Room**, was selected as the next scheduled meeting of the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee meeting.

**ADJOURN**—With business completed, at 9:44 a.m. it was moved by Greb, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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TOM RUDOLPH  
COMMITTEE CHAIR

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CINDY ECKARDT  
RECORDING SECRETARY