

MINUTES OF THE **MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT** COMMITTEE
MEETING # 3-2009

DATE: July 9, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Tom Rudolph; Committee Members Frank Greb; Gary Baier;
Forest Director John Bilogan; Forestry Office Secretary Cindy Eckardt;
Corporation Counsel Mike Fugle; Peter Wolk; Mike Romportl;
Steve Osterman; Dan Kuzlik; Tom Evans; Philip Fauble; David Swisher.

EXCUSED: Patricia L. Peters; Andy Smith.

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 9:04 a.m.

APPROVE AGENDA OF PRESENT MEETING—It was moved by Greb, seconded by Baier, to approve the July 9, 2009 agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2009 MEETING—It was moved by Greb, seconded by Baier, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

At this time it was moved by Baier, seconded by Greb, to approve the appointment of David Schatzley, Town Chair, Town of Lynne, to serve on the Mining Oversight Local Impact Committee at the July 23, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

MINING PRESENTATION—TOM EVANS, WI GEOLOGICAL & NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY—Bilogan introduced Tom Evans, with the Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey, who had been invited to give a presentation on mining. Tom Evans began by stating that the WI Geological & Natural History Survey is part of the University of Wisconsin—Extension, and that his role is to help with decision making and identifying regulations. His role is not to offer advice on mining. Tom Evans went on to outline the mining history in northern Wisconsin, including that which took place in the Town of Lynne. He went on to describe the Local Agreement Statute. Questions followed: Baier asked what is the Local Agreement Statute? Tom Evans replied that this statute allows for the mining company and any local unit of government, with ordinance regulations, to create the opportunity to negotiate mutual mining issues, such as compensation, staff time, and so forth if the unit of government has requirements. Chair Rudolph asked Steve Osterman, Planning Manager, Oneida County Planning & Zoning Department, about the zoning ordinance. Steve replied that a Special Use Permit is required and that the area in question would have to be zoned Manufacturing and / or Industrial. The area in the Town of Lynne would have to be rezoned. The Town of

Lynne is not zoned for allowing mining at this time. Tom Evans stated that Special Report 13 is referred to as outlining the zoning issues. *Greb requested copies of Special Report 13 be supplied to the Mining Oversight Local Impact Committee.*

Kathy Kelly asked Tom Evans if public information was available and asked for same to be made available on-line.

Karl Fate questioned the pipeline, which Tom Evans was familiar with.

MINING PRESENTATION—DAVID SWISHER, TAMERLANE VENTURES, INC.—Bilogan introduced David Swisher, with Tamerlane Ventures, Inc. David Swisher introduced himself as a mining representative, as he felt it was too presumptuous to be introduced as a representative with Tamerlane Ventures, Inc. at this time. Mr. Swisher went on to explain his autobiography, history of mining processes that he was involved with, and potential mining techniques such as ground freezing; vertical conveyor; dense media separation & flotation; cemented paste fill; and injection wells. Mr. Swisher stated that current regulatory requirements are in place as well as advanced mining technologies availability, with sound environmental controls in place. Dan Kuzlik asked if a mine deposit could be transported for processing elsewhere and Mr. Swisher answered that yes, this can be done. Greb inquired if the drilling would have to be redone and Mr. Swisher answered no and that 10% confirmation drilling was being proposed by Tamerlane Ventures, Inc.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS MINERAL EXPLORATION WORK WITHIN THE TOWN OF LYNNE—Bilogan stated that the Oneida County Forestry Office and the WI Geological & Natural History Survey Office in Madison, WI has information from previous mineral exploration work within the Town of Lynne. If anyone from the general public is interested in obtaining a copy of specific information from previous mineral exploration work within the Town of Lynne they should contact the WI Geological & Natural History Survey Office in Madison, WI.

DEED RESTRICTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF LYNNE: T37N-R4E Sec.15 W1/2SW1/4NW1/4 & Sec.22 NW1/4NE1/4—Chair Rudolph asked Mike Romportl, Oneida County Land Information Director, to comment on these deeds. Mike Romportl stated that the deeds had been conveyed to Oneida County, by Noranda. Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mike Fugle, stated that he had copies of the deed restrictions which state that no metallic mining shall occur without WDNR approval. Mr. Fugle also stated that in order to have the restrictions removed from the deeds, it would have to be approved by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

PROPOSED FIELD TOUR THROUGH PREVIOUS MINERAL EXPLORATION AREA IN THE TOWN OF LYNNE—Bilogan passed out a map that the Forestry Department was directed to put together, which details a proposed field tour route of the Lynne mineral deposit. Greb, Baier, and Rudolph agreed that a field tour would be a good idea. Bilogan suggested obtaining the County Van for this field tour. The site is approximately 44 miles (or a 1 hour drive) west of Rhineland. The tour will take approximately 3-4 hours. This special meeting will be open to the public. Bilogan

stressed that the road would be rough and more suited to 4 wheel drive vehicles. Baier suggested meeting at the Town Hall in the Town of Lynne. However, since some business may need to be conducted prior to departing for the Town of Lynne site, it was decided to meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Court House. It was then moved by Greb, seconded by Baier, to approve Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. for the special meeting for the field tour, and to depart from the court house. Motion carried. Time frame of field tour meeting will be decided and send with agenda.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA—Review Mining Policy, per Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mike Fugle. Mr. Fugle advised the Committee to draft resolution to be submitted at the August County Board meeting to reaffirm Resolution # 54-97. Rudolph asked Mr. Fugle to draft this resolution and Mr. Fugle said that he would do so. Also Mr. Fugle advised the following agenda item: Appointment of non-voting member to Mining Oversight Local Impact Committee. Mr. Fugle also stated that the entire County Board has to approve appointed members per diem. (Previously a motion to appoint David Schatzley was rescinded as it was not an agenda item.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Lenore Neumann (4880 Willow Road, Tripoli, WI) stated that she was concerned about mining, especially about local environment, social, and economic impact and urged the County Board to require detailed information when it comes to job availability, duties, needed training, etc.

Karl Fate stated that the Local Agreement Law applied to metallic mining and that the current Mining Ordinance in Oneida County is an excellent ordinance.

A representative from the WI Mining Coalition expressed his concerns about mining.

SELECT DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING—**July 23**, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., special meeting for field tour of previous mineral exploration area in Town of Lynne. And **August 13**, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. was selected as the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee meeting.

ADJOURN—With business completed, at 11:04 a.m. it was moved by Greb, seconded by Baier, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

TOM RUDOLPH
COMMITTEE CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY