

MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE
MAY 03, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chairman Leslie Kolesar at 6pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kolesar welcomed Kelly Klein to committee. Board Chairman DeRosso nominated Kelly after organizational meeting held April 20, 2012.

Roll call taken, Present: Koski, Youngs, Klein, Traczyk, Kolesar and Walesewicz. Absent: DeRosso.

Motion by Koski, seconded by Youngs to approve minutes of April 20, 2012 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held on mission statement after Chairman Kolesar presented committee with a draft she had worked on. A few changes were made and the final version is:

The mission of the Iron County Local Impact Committee is to work effectively with a mining company, local governments and the surrounding communities to plan wisely for mining-induced growth with the ultimate goal of mine site reclamation, economic diversification and compliance with all state and federal laws.

Motion by Klein, seconded by Youngs to approve mission statement as stated. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held on letter Chairman Kolesar had drafted addressed to Governor Walker asking that he reappoint members to the Mining Investment Local Impact Fund Board. A few minor changes were made to letter and then committee asked Kolesar to draft a cover letter to present to other local impact boards to also petition governor to reappoint state mining board.

Motion by Walesewicz, seconded by Klein to issue letter to Governor Walker and to issue same letter and cover letter to Oneida County, Taylor County, Ashland County, Town of Morse and the Town of Anderson. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a possible site tour of the Iron County mining site. Most members had already seen potential site. Ashland County Board will tour the site in the near future. Discussion then turned to possible tour of an active mining project in both northern Minnesota and northern Michigan and reclamation lands in both states.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom DeCarlo, Ironwood talked about how yard signs supporting mining is very important to keep the issue up front. Tom told committee he has signs coming for our area in near future.

Tracy Benzel, Mercer told committee that grant funds may be available in the future to help local communities and that administrative issues will be looked at again because legislative process will come back in the future. Tracy told committee to pursue local joint impact committees in the beginning.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Walesewicz to adjourn at 6:50 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk