

MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE
JUNE 26, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Leslie Kolesar at 4:02 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Kolesar, Traczyk, Walesewicz, Klein, Youngs and Koski. Absent: None.

Motion by Klein, seconded by Koski to approve minutes of May 29, 2012 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Kolesar and Youngs traveled to Superior this morning and spoke with Governor Walker about mining issues and the Governor indicated that he would like to see the mining site in the future. Committee agreed that a letter addressed to the Governor should be sent thanking him for coming to Douglas County and having the Forestry Council tour the mining site last week and again ask him to appoint members to the state mining board.

A July 13th tour of the open pit mine in Marquette has been scheduled. An official meeting will be posted and the meeting will begin at the Michigan Iron Mining Museum in Negaunee at 11 AM CST.

Public is invited to attend but must make their own reservations and provide their own transportation.

Kolesar told committee that long pants and closed toe shoes are necessary with over a mile of walking during the tour of the mine.

Resolution to form a joint mining impact committee was studied and discussed with just one change noted. State Statute 70.395(2) must be fully included in our resolution not just parts of it. Clerk will make this change and forward on to the full board for their consideration.

Motion by Walesewicz, seconded by Traczyk to change resolution to include all parts of 70.395(2) and forward on to full county board with a recommendation to pass said resolution. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Small, Ironwood said he talked to Bob Jauch in Mercer and said that Jauch told him a mining bill authored by himself and Dale Schultz would be considered in a special session in October.

Steve Schurtter, Montreal told committee that an art/picture display in Ashland at the Great Lakes Visitor Center of the Penoque Range is just terrific.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Kolesar suggested that maybe the committee should contact the Bad River Indian Tribe and open a line of communication with them. It was suggested that committee should wait until Ashland County gets involved with Joint Impact Committee and let Ashland County take the lead with the tribe.

Motion by Walesewicz, seconded by Klein to adjourn at 4:55 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk