

MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE  
JULY 31, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Leslie Kolesar at 4:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion by Walesewicz, seconded by Klein to approve minutes of June 26, 2012 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held on tour of Tilden Mine in Marquette, Michigan. Tour was very informative with a lot of valuable information attained. Meeting with Michigan DNR was also very informative. DNR told mining committee that they don't have a lot of issues with the 2 mine sites of Cleveland Cliffs.

Discussion held on future tour of Northern Minnesota mine sites. Wish list includes tour of a modern pellet plant, reclamation sites and maybe discussions with community leaders on the real impact of having an active open pit mine in their community.

Discussion held on 2013 budget request. Budget sheets were given to Leslie and discussion of budget request will be placed on next month's agenda.

Committee will send a letter to Senator Cullen, Chairman of new mining committee requesting him to ask Governor Walker to reinstate the mining impact board and to send same letter to Representative Mary Williams.

Discussion held on opening communications with the Bad River Indian Tribe. Chairperson Kolesar believes that duty is not under our committee's jurisdiction. She believes Senator Jauch and Representative Bewley should contact tribe. Clerk Mike Saari told committee that Bad River Chairman Wiggins has contacted Chairman DeRosso asking to open up discussions with county on building a snowmobile/ATV trail through the reservation connecting Iron County with Ashland County.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Schurtter, Montreal talked about the importance of communications with the tribes.

Stacy Benzel, Mercer talked about the importance of reclamation planning and that all tribes with ceded territories in Northern Wisconsin have stated their opposition to future mining.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Motion by Klein, seconded by Youngs to adjourn at 4:42 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk