

MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 01, 2012

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion by Traczyk, seconded by Koski to approve minutes of August 27, 2012 as presented. All aye.  
Motion carried.

Jason Laumann, NWRPC gave a presentation on how his organization could help Iron County with planning and technical assistance. Jason told committee that the only information available now is from a study the Gogebic Taconite put out in the public. He thought a study from Northwest Regional Planning Commission would be a good tool to help Iron County plan for the future. Jason told committee that NWRPC had done analysis of the Ladysmith open pit mine. Jason told committee that he will put some financial figures together for the next meeting so Iron County will have an idea of what it will cost to have an analysis done. Kolesar told committee that the first joint impact committee meeting was being planned for January.

Kolesar and Koski had attended a Senate Mining Committee hearing in Madison on September 25<sup>th</sup> and said the content was very good in a good setting with no distractions unlike previous mining hearings they had attended.

Koski told committee he had contacted Dan Jordan in Northern Minnesota to talk about setting up a tour in northern Minnesota to talk about mining procedures, reclamation sites, etc. Projected tour could be in mid November.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Vic Ouimette, Mercer asked if citizens could go on tour of Northern Minnesota. Kolesar told Vic that as long as he paid his own expenses it was possible.

Steve Schurtter, Montreal talked about Montreal after our mines closed in the 1960's with David Aimone, and questioned a reporter from Mellen's local paper on why it appears Iron County is in support of the proposed mine and Ashland County is not.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

Motion by Traczyk, seconded by Walesewicz to adjourn at 4:50 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk