

MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE
MARCH 25, 2013

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion by Klein, seconded by Peterson to approve minutes of February 26, 2013 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Bill Williams and Tim Meyer from Gogebic Taconite were present to answer questions about reclamation process. Bill Williams told committee that the reclamation plans will be part of the permitting process and if all goes well the process should take from 3-4 years, if there are no surprises.

Plans are ongoing for a trip to northern Minnesota most likely in early May. Koski handed out sign-up sheets that require some personal information.

Motion by Koski, seconded by Klein to move into closed session per 19.85(1) e, Wisconsin Statutes to discuss negotiation strategy on local agreement with Gogebic Taconite. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION HELD:

Motion by Walesewicz, seconded by Peterson to return to open session. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Schurtter, Montreal asked what decisions were made in closed session.

Wendy Thiede, Oma asked if there are any provisions in new law to get local municipalities money from State of Wisconsin.

Jeff Wilson, Mercer told committee to stop in Hibbing during Minnesota tour and talk to Mayor of Hibbing and ask about dry wells in their town.

Tom DeCarlo, Ironwood told committee we need the jobs and both G-Tac and Ovana were at the last mining information meeting.

Terri Daulton, Mercer asked where are the places for public input during permit process.

Vic Ouimette, Mercer told committee that both agendas and minutes should be put on county web page for easier access.

Jeff Wilson, Mercer asked committee if 3,000 acres of land to be removed from managed forest at \$28/acre is enough payment per year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting for Joint Impact Committee will be May 8th at 6PM in the Town of Morse Hall and the next Ashland County Mining Impact Meeting is set for May 10th at 9AM.

Motion by Klein, seconded by Koski to adjourn at 6:08PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk