

MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE
AUGUST 21, 2013

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Kolesar, Klein, Koski, Youngs, Peterson, Pinardi. Absent: Walesewicz, excused. Walesewicz showed up at 4:13 PM. Also present: Board members Roberts, Thomas, Luke, Mullard and Nasi. A total of 8 members of county board were present at meeting which represents a quorum of full board.

Motion by Koski, seconded by Pinardi to approve minutes of July 29, 2013 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Chris Patritto, Hurley School Superintendent and Erik Torkelson, Mercer School Superintendent spoke on how jobs are needed to increase class size in their respective districts. Both schools are willing to train their students so they would be prepared to land a job in the mining industry. Patritto told the committee "we see the future."

Bill Williams, Gogebic Taconite gave an update on what has happened in the past month with respect to the permitting process.

John Sendra, Mercer gave a report on the economic and social impact a mine would have on Gogebic Range with a focus on Iron County. Information was attained from NorthStar Economic Report (2011) commissioned by G-Tac, UW-Extension data, Gogebic Taconite data and Iron County Economic Development Corporation (ICEDC) Report. Committee thanked John for his effort in putting together this report.

Discussion was held on a trip that Patritto, Walesewicz and Koski made up to Northern Minnesota to speak with officials of IRRRB. IRRRB officials were great sources of information that Iron County can use if the mine becomes a reality.

Discussion was held on budget amounts for 2014. Kolesar has a total of \$81,000 of expenses penciled in that could be covered from funds given to State of Wisconsin by G-Tac. State monies could be spent on legal fees, etc. Clerk told committee that all legal fees for Chris Jaekels will be charged to mining impact committee budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Schurtter, Montreal thanked Gogebic Taconite for the studies that are being performed now as part of the permitting process.

Tom Bergman, Zoning Administrator thanked John Sendra for his study but told committee that additional steps may be necessary per state law to satisfy land use requirements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kolesar and Klein will be attending a mining symposium in Wausau on August 28th with one of the speakers being Chris Jaekels, Iron County's attorney.

Kolesar also told committee that Larry Lynch, DNR hydrologist will attend our next meeting scheduled for September 19th and Pat Murphy, Safety and Buildings inspector will be here to talk about blasting and noise issues towards the end of October.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Walesewicz to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk