

MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken , Present: Kolesar, Koski, Walesewicz, Peterson, Youngs, Klein and Pinardi. Also present: Supervisors Innes, Nasi, Mullard and Thomas.

Motion by Pinardi, seconded by Peterson to approve minutes of August 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Tim Meyers and Bill Williams of Gogebic Taconite gave an update on what is being worked on to prepare for needed permits. Williams told committee that a lot of activity is happening across the county by companies hired by G-Tac but nothing is happening at the mine site at this time.

Kolesar gave an update on the Joint Mining Impact Committee that met in the Town of Morse on 9/11. Ashland has produced a bulk sampling ordinance and the Town of Morse stated what they would like to see in the local agreement. Next meeting was set for November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Morse Town Hall. Discussion was also held on funding of mining impact analysis by Northwest Regional Planning Commission. Project costs vary between \$160,000 and \$250,000 depending on the size of the area to be studied.

Klein and Kolesar attended a mining symposium in Wausau in which 3 different topics were discussed.

- 1) New mining law.
- 2) Non-metallic mining
- 3) Federal law and Michigan mining experience.

Discussion was held on trying to achieve a joint environmental impact statement between all 3 participating agencies.

Discussion was held on appointing 2 more members to the Joint Impact Committee with one member being from the Zoning Committee or Zoning Department.

Discussion was held on the amount of money to be allocated in budget for legal fees. It was decided to put \$100,000 in budget for attorney fees and place an equal amount on revenue side of budget to offset legal expenses. Notice of intent payments to the State of Wisconsin will be forthcoming so this money will be used to offset some of Iron County's legal fees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Wendy Theide, Oma told committee that certain types of rock formations can be bad for water runoff and sited Joe Maki, from State of Michigan that the geo-chemistry make up of rock formations is very important to look at.

Bruce Noble, Madison asked what is the difference between old and new technology and what will it show from United Steel's core samples.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kolesar told committee that the next meeting will be in October around the 22<sup>nd</sup>, final date has yet to be set.

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

Michael Saari  
Iron County Clerk