

**Lincoln County Land Services Committee
Minutes of Thursday, April 9, 2015, 1:00 pm
Lincoln County Service Center, Room #257**

Members Present: Julie Allen, Loretta Baughan, Hans Breitenmoser, Jeff Hetfeld, Curtis Powell & Greta Rusch. Visitors: Diane Wessel; Land Services Administrator, Dan Bowers; Zoning Program Manager, June Winters; Zoning Program Assistant, Nancy Bergstrom; Corporation Counsel and 26 others. Supervisor Plant was excused from today's meeting.

1. Call Meeting order - Meeting was called to order by Chairman Powell at 1:00 p.m.
2. Tour sites in the town of Skanawan that will be subjects of the public hearing - at 1:02 p.m. the Committee left to tour the site. The Committee returned at 2:32 p.m. and took a brief break.

Chairman Powell reconvened the meeting at 2:36 p.m. and because the majority of the audience was attending for the public hearing he moved to item #7 on the agenda.

3. Approval of the March 12, 2015 Land Services Committee Minutes – 3 Items needed to be amended in the minutes. Agenda item #20-the date of April's meeting should have been listed as April 9th not April 12th. Item #15- should read that Powell stated that the Budget Carryovers would be "voted on collectively". In item #17(a)– Grazing Program – in the 3rd paragraph – that part of Baughan's comment should read "...transition to using the UW & Staff instead, because...". M/S Allen/Rusch to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried all ayes.
4. Public Comment – When Committee returned to this item after the public hearings were done there was no public left.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

5. Q&A on Monthly Munis Report – Sara Koss was not present so this item will be reviewed next month.
6. Q&A on Monthly Written Report – Same as above.

The Committee moved to item #9 on the agenda.

LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT

7. 2:30 p.m. Public Hearing – Public Hearing was called to order at 2:36 p.m. Hearings were held on the items listed in the notice. Chairman Powell explained the rules of conduct for public hearings and introduced the Committee members. He called the first hearing. Powell said that he would like each testimony to be limited to 10 minutes in order to give all that want to speak a chance.

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST

1. A request by property owner, Daigles Oak Hills LLC, and co-applicant, County Materials Corporation, for a 45 acre non-metallic mine and associated wash plant as a conditional use in a Rural Lands 4 zoning district. The property is located in the NE¼SE¼ and the SE¼SE¼ of Section 17, T34N-R7E, in the Town of Skanawan, off of County Road S. The request is being heard under section 17.3.08(10) of Lincoln County Ordinances

Jim Small, a geologist with County Materials Corp. (CMC) was present to explain & support the request. He wanted to review the staff report that they had received. He said that the area for the request would be changed to 41 acres with moving the pit area to the west to avoid the wetland areas. CMC previously purchased Winger Concrete Products and this parcel is part of that purchase. They are working with the Daigle Bros. that own adjoining parcels and CMC has the mineral rights with the Daigles retaining the surface rights on 7 - 40 acre parcels. This request is only for portions 1 of the 40 acre parcels and the access is the additional acreage. If this CUP is granted they would split the removal of aggregate between this & the Bradley pit. He explained the different phases that are being proposed. They would currently be using the wash plant at the existing Bradley plant but in the future would like to move the wash plant to the Skanawan site which would require additional approval. He said that both requests that are being heard today are on adjoining properties but not

related. He clarified the number of maximum daily truckloads to be 25 a day WHEN they would be hauling. It would not be on a constant basis. It may be more in spurts to replenish stockpiles. They have all of their own trucks and drivers and the trucks are well maintained and regulated by the company. They will deal immediately with any issues that arise. Small follows up with the neighbors at the Bradley Pit yearly and would plan on doing the same thing at the Skanawan location. He stays in contact with adjoining landowners if there is well monitoring to be done. The reclamation will be done in conjunction with the Daigle family as they will be retaining this as their hunting land so they would be doing the reclamation to appease all parties involved. If in the future there is a wash plant operation that is approved, a high capacity well would be required (>70 gallons per minute) which Small pointed out is actually 1-10% of an average irrigation well use. This would be regulated by the DNR. This would be needed to furnish finished fine & coarse concrete aggregate for their facility.

Powell asked how Small would mitigate any well issues. Small said that he didn't foresee any problems. There was discussion on how the well is regulated and how it may impact the neighbors. Powell asked what is done with the residue from the wash process. Small showed a diagram & explained the wash process. The wash water is reused and the residue after screening would be dug out to be used in the reclamation process or used at other sites as "lawn base" to be used in new construction under topsoil.

Allen asked about the Bradley pit and Small said that CUP was for a 10 year plan with a possible renewal of 10 years. Small would hope for a similar situation with this request. A 10 year plan + possible 10 year renewal and if there are no problems with the pit possibly be extended beyond that 20 years if there is still material available. Allen asked if that was the only other pit that CMC has. Small listed the other sites that they currently have in Lincoln County.

Dan Bowers asked Small why they were hoping to have a wash plant at this site. Small said that the Bradley plant is older machinery and a smaller set-up. If they have one in Skanawan it would be less traffic because they would only be hauling away the finished product not hauling it both ways. Bowers asked if there was a way to mitigate the noise associated with mining. Small said that the back-up alarms are necessary for safety but they are using a different kind of alarm for equipment that has been less annoying than the loud "beep, beep, beep". Allen asked about the proximity to the wetlands and Small produced another diagram that explained it better. He explained how the wetland will be protected by a ridge between the excavation and the wetlands.

Steve Daigle was present in support. He is one of the landowners. He and his brothers are planning on buying this property to reclaim after the excavating and then use this for their family hunting land. They have no desire to leave this area a "scarred" piece of land. They have planted over 100K trees since his father has passed away and have no intentions of not taking care of the land. This area has a very rich supply of gravel that is needed for creating and maintaining the roads that everyone in the area uses. He said that the land will be taken care of after the mining. Hetfeld questioned the ownership. Daigle corrected his statement saying that they currently own the 40 that the proposed pit will be on except for the mineral rights. They are proposing purchasing 6 additional 40s from CMC in the future excluding the mineral rights. Hetfeld asked why they were supporting this request. Daigle said that they are trying to be proactive to lessen the impact now and to be able to protect the land after the mining. Powell asked if he owned mineral rights on any of the land being discussed and Daigle said they did not.

Paul Daigle was present in support. He is one of the landowners. He has spent his entire career in land conservation and although they were opposed 15 years ago to the large scale non-metallic mining (NMM), knowing that the supply is there and they do not own the mineral rights, they want to protect the land and how it is reclaimed. He knew that there would be opposition due to the truck traffic. He said that the Town of Skanawan has given their approval with more restrictive hours of operation. He understands that the safety & noise issues exist but the aggregate for the roads need to come from somewhere. The Daigle family has always tried to be stewards of the land but he believes this would be economically good for the community. Hetfeld asked for clarification on the land deal. Daigle said that if the CUP does not get approved their offer to purchase the other 6-40s would expire. They are planning on harvesting the timber on this land.

Bowers asked about a home on the property. Daigle said that it is owned by the family but currently unoccupied. Bowers asked about the reclamation and Daigle said that their whole family wants to be involved in the replanting of trees.

Chairman Powell read the Town of Skanawan approval into the record. On 3/23/15 on a vote of 3-0 the Town of Skanawan Town Board gave their recommendation for approval of the request.

Powell asked for opponents. He first indicated that there have been documents submitted by: 1) Heise Children's Irrevocable Trust, and, 2) Walter Horabik & Jacquelyn Horabik.

Patricia Heise, was present in opposition. She is an attorney, trustee and representative for the Heise Children's Irrevocable Trust. They contest the request based on the fact she believes it is in conflict with the Lincoln County Ordinance. The vagueness of the two requests today could potentially impact as much as 365 acres. It could result in a substantial adverse impact on the surrounding property (noise, decreased property value, truck traffic, environmental impact & public safety). This area was not designated for and is incompatible with such a large scale industrial use. There are inconsistencies between this request and Lincoln County Ordinances. It will cause an undue burden on County Roads V & S. They are not constructed to withstand such constant truck traffic. The request could almost be seen as a "spot zone" because of the intensive nature of the request and it does not retain the rural atmosphere of the area which is what the Rural Lands 4 is supposed to be. She doesn't see where the public will benefit from this request being granted. People moved to and remain in this town to be in a rural atmosphere. She feels that only the applicants will benefit not the surrounding property owners. Existing small scale mining sites are not justification for more. They ask that any language regarding the 6-40s of reserve area should be expressly excluded in this request so that it does not clear the way for future expansion if this request is approved. She said development of these other 40s would affect wetland and other pristine areas. Powell asked about her statements about impact on surrounding lands and the 6- 40s. Heise said that these issues need to be clarified so that it is not going to change the rural character & leave an open ended pathway for the other 6-40s.

Hetfeld asked for clarification from Bowers if this request does or does not meet the standards. Bowers said that it is up to the Committee to determine if it meets the criteria in the ordinance. Bowers/Wessel said that the ordinance is subjective as to whether this is detrimental to health & safety. There was discussion on the ordinance standards. Powell had questions about Heise's comment on "spot zoning" if the CUP should be granted. Heise said that the use in a zoning district is supposed to be somewhat uniform and there is not supposed to be repurposing different from the intended uses especially considering the long term potential of this request. Hetfeld had questions on calculations on the reclamation and the lake that was shown in the pictures. Bowers said that what he had for the reclamation was what was submitted and Heise said that was a private lake on their property.

3:45 p.m. Corporation Counsel joined the meeting. There was discussion on the ordinance sections that Heise was citing.

Walter Horabik was present in opposition. He is an adjoining property owner that lives in very close proximity to the pits and access road. He said years ago with the Hwy 51 expansion there was gravel taken from this area they weren't in favor of it but there was an end to it. He said that County S & the bridge were not built to withstand so much heavy truck traffic. He said that it is a safety issue with the trucks making the corner on County S which has already been impacted severely from the heavy truck traffic. He also has environmental concerns with a pond that had dried up. There are 2 school bus stops in close proximity to the truck entrance on County Rd S plus walkers, bikers, ATVs and people on horseback. Horabik said that from attending the town meeting there was a representative from the county that lead him to believe that this was a "done deal". He said that truck traffic in the winter is especially treacherous. He said that they currently have a petition circulating to put an end to this request. He fears that Skanawan may end up looking like the ugly pit off of Brandenburg Av & County Road Q. He feels it is hard to justify opening more pits when there are plenty of existing pits in Lincoln & surrounding counties. He doesn't feel that this should be a done deal when neighbors are directly impacted by the mining operations. He listed damage to his property that had happened during the Hwy 51 expansion. He cited the dust, noise, truck traffic, water quality. He said he was at all 3 town meetings and he said that they were not well published. He said that this is no longer a residential, recreational, agricultural area but becoming an industrial area. Powell had a question about the bus stop signage. Horabik said it was currently signed from one direction only but said another will be posted.

Norman Heckendorf was present and is an adjoining landowner on County S and is opposed to the request. He said that the real estate property values will definitely suffer if this request is granted. He cited the quantity of traffic, noise & damage to the aesthetics. He doesn't feel that this is fair to do to these landowners.

Michael Heise was present in opposition as an adjoining landowner to both of the proposed gravel pits. He said the evidence presented in opposition overwhelmingly points out the issues being: zoning, safety, property values, environmental. All of these issues will be drastically affected by the request. Zoning; He said that granting this will affect the landscape and intent of the RL4 zoning district. Safety; he said that 25 trucks per day for this request plus possibly

65 per day from the other request on top of existing traffic will be very dangerous. Property values; agrees with Heckendorf. Heise said that he has been in the real estate business all his life and this use will definitely reduce property values. He said the gravel company and Daigles are only interested in the money generated by the request being granted. Environmental; he said the end result will look like a nuclear bomb has been dropped and left a 350 acre crater in its place. There is a beautiful ridge that currently exists that will be eliminated and there are springs in the area that feed Skanawan Creek & Skanawan Lake that may be affected by this excavation. He said that this was not mentioned in the proposal and felt that it was omitted intentionally. He believes that this area is way too environmentally sensitive to touch & urges the Committee to deny the request. Hetfeld asked for clarification on Heise's property location and Heise clarified.

John Lazarz was present in opposition. He has already experienced the traffic safety issues that exist and it will only be compounded by this request being granted. He said that there was no notification of these requests. He stated that people move to this area because they want to get away from city/industrial areas. Lazarz said that when the Town did the Land Use Plan this type of use was not what was intended for this area & urged the Committee to deny the request. He doesn't feel just because the material is in this area, doesn't mean that it should be mined when the quality of life for surrounding land owners will be compromised. He feels that the quality of his retirement will be affected if this request is granted. He said that it is tough to fight "big business".

John Heckendorf was present in opposition. He has property on the corner on County Rd S. He is hoping to build a retirement home on that property and if this is granted it would definitely affect his plans. He said that the corner was widened because his father donated the land. He said that Daigles decision to agree to this request is not out of a sense of protecting the land but for financial gain.

Glen Crass was present in opposition. He is an adjoining landowner. He said that the Town Board did not notify the land owners that would be affected. He questioned how the Town approval was handled and didn't think enough people were involved. He cited previous town documents that he would like to see and were not available. He questioned the legality if changes had been made without the town residents being aware. He cited the safety issues, property values and noise. He asks the Committee to deny this request.

Karen Olson was present in opposition. She had lived in the Town Skanawan for 22 years. She was previously Town Clerk, Town Chairman and recently elected again as Town Clerk. She is familiar with the history of gravel pits in Skanawan. She spoke about the Land Use Plan process and said that at that time the Town decided that most of the land would be designated as Rural Lands 4 and not to be used this industrial type use. She explained and apologized for the lack of notification and involvement by the Town of Skanawan Board with this current issue. She fears that the safety issues will be significant. She urges the Committee to deny this request.

Jerry Krueger was present in opposition and owns land in the Town of Skanawan on Stevenson Rd. His brother has property west of the proposed gravel pits. He has longtime family ties to the Town. He said that no one in the area knew what was going on until the last couple of weeks. He is completely opposed to the request.

At 4:30 Hetfeld needed to be excused from this meeting to attend another meeting.

Jacquelyn Horabik was present in opposition. She said there is a hill coming up to their property and feels that her family is most affected by the gravel pits as it will be literally in their back yard. Her driveway is on the top of the hill closest to the access road that the trucks will be using. She feels that this will create a huge safety issue with her children getting on/off the school bus. In the afternoon especially with the angle of the sun would be a problem seeing the oncoming trucks.

Chairman Powell called for any other opponents and there were none. Powell then referenced the staff report and asked that recommended conditions 1-10 from the staff report be admitted to the record. Those being: **1)** The regulations contained in 17.3.08 (10) of Lincoln County Ordinances are made a part of the conditions of approval. **2)** All mining activities shall be a minimum of 25 feet to property lines unless both landowners agree to mine up to the shared property line. A signed written agreement must be filed with the Land Services Department. **3)** The western boundary of the proposed mine shall be moved to the 500' mark of profiles A and B of the proposed reclamation plan in order to protect the adjacent wetlands. **4)** Hours of operation shall be restricted to 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday, unless otherwise approved by the Town of Skanawan. **5)** Maximum pit depth shall not be below 1500 ft. (msl) or 10 feet above the groundwater table whichever is higher in elevation. **6)** Well water of surrounding property owners within ½ mile shall be tested for nitrates, total dissolved solids and suspended solids before the operation commences and annually at the

expense of County Materials. **7)** The conditional use shall be reviewed by the Town of Skanawan & Lincoln County 10 years from the date of approval with the option to renew for another 10 years being contingent on compliance with conditions of the original Conditional Use permit. **8)** A wash plant may only be allowed following review by the Land Services Department and approval by the Land Services Committee as an amendment to the conditional use permit. **9)** Reclamation shall be ongoing with no more than 30 acres open at any given time. **10)** No asphalt plants, cement plants, or blasting will be permitted.

Bowers said even though Hetfeld has left he was hoping to address the question he had about the ordinance standards being met. He said the ordinance gives the Committee discretion in deciding that but wanted to point out that the staff report supplies facts in the ordinance to assist them in making their decision.

Chairman Powell closed the public hearing for the Conditional Use request.

Baughan wanted clarification that the county was going to “beef-up” the roads in the immediate area of the hauling. She said that similar issues have taken place in the area where she lives in Pine River. She is concerned that the road will only be improved to benefit this request. She was hoping to hear from a County representative regarding the cost to the county regarding the road issues. Powell asked Corporation Council if this is laid over, what the “posting” requirements were. Bergstrom said that it does not have to be re-advertised as a public hearing but it would come back again as “old business” and would be included (specifying the topic of the “old business”) on that meeting’s agenda that it will be discussed again. It could be as soon as next month’s meeting or at “the call of the chair” at a future meeting. Powell stated that he has concerns about a decision being made today as did Allen.

M/S Allen/Rusch to LAYOVER the request to be on a future meeting at the “call of the Chair”. Powell called for a roll call Vote: Allen-Yes, Breitenmoser-Yes, Rusch-Yes, Powell-Yes, Baughan-Aye. Motion carried.

At 4:40 Powell called for a 5 minutes break. He let the audience know that he would have to leave the meeting shortly to attend a School Board meeting and at that time Supervisor Baughan will be taking over. During the break, Walter Horabik submitted the 6 pages of the petition referenced in his testimony for the record. At 4:45 p.m. the public hearing resumed.

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST

2. A request by American Asphalt a division of Mathy Construction Co. for a 77 acre non-metallic mine as a conditional use in a Rural Lands 4 zoning district. The property is located in the NW¼SW¼ and the SW¼NW¼ of Section 16, T34N-R7E, in the Town of Skanawan, off of County Road S. The request is being heard under section 17.3.08(10) of Lincoln County Ordinances.

John Montgomery, with Mathy Construction came to the podium to explain the request. He had a PowerPoint presentation to help explain to the Committee what they are proposing. He said that their company is looking for aggregate reserves for the future and this area is rich in that resource. He showed several aerial photos & pictures. He explained their plan for extraction (south to north), the steps that they would take for reclamation and the timeframe for the process. He said that the supply would last over 40 years with work typically sometime April-November. The crushing operation would be approximately 20+ days a year. He gave examples of their existing and reclaimed sites in other counties. He gave other examples of extraction sites in Lincoln County that have been reclaimed since extraction. He feels that the project under this request will have similar outcomes after reclamation. He encourages town & county officials to visit any of the sites in Skanawan & contact him with any questions.

Allen asked for the number of trucks. Montgomery said currently, there are about 20 trucks a day at the busiest times from the Coombs north pit. The number may fluctuate depending on the market & need for the material. The number of trucks if this 2nd pit is approved shouldn’t increase that number much as they probably won’t be hauling from both pits at the same time. This does NOT include anything to do with County Materials Corp. Bowers asked Montgomery how much material in the Coombs north pit. Montgomery said that he feels they have 15 -20 years left in that pit. He said that County S is scheduled to be repaved in the next couple of years and said that the demand for aggregate for that would be high at that time. He explained what Mathy has agreed to pave for the Town and signage that would be posted.

At 5:06 Powell excused himself to leave for his other meeting before Mr. Tomashek started his testimony.

Tony Tomashek, with Milestone Materials, was present and explained their operation and said that their demand is seasonal during road construction season. They typically bring their portable crushers in for 3-6 weeks at a time and he explained that they have 5-6 trucks on the road at a time. He shared what they use to control dust and said that the loads are covered with tarps. They have to adhere to regulations under the DOT for hauling. Their typical schedule is 7a.m- 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, with none on weekend. When a crushing plant is in there they may be doing maintenance after hauling hours. Their properties are locked during non-operation hours. Mine Safety Health Administration (MSHA) is who they have to answer to for regulation for equipment, noise, dust, safety. The only access for trucking will be on County Rd S, not on Cloverbelt Rd. Daigle Ridge is a "dry mine" meaning that it will be entirely above the ground water table. Their operation would be regulated by the DNR also with a "stormwater" permit. He explained all of the agencies that they have to answer to. They reuse the dirt that is scalped to create berms and then in reclamation. Bowers asked if the trucks are completely under Milestone's control and Tomashek said some are owned and some are contracted. Allen had questions about the ownership of the property & surrounding 40s and Tomashek clarified.

Tom Burch was present, he is with American Asphalt, and he wanted to dispute that mining has a detrimental effect on the property values. He said even with the operations existing in the area the property values have not been affected negatively. He said that the Town of Skanawan has their own NMM ordinance that was passed in 2002 or 2003 that is more restrictive than the county's. He said that there was advertisement on the local radio about the town meetings. Baughan asked if he has reviewed the staff report and Burch said that they have and do not have a problem with the recommended conditions. Allen asked how long there have been pits in this area. Bowers said that there were pits for sure since 1962 because the aerial photos show them. Burch clarified that their truck drivers get paid by the hour not the load.

Steve Daigle was present and said that the requirements for reclamation are actually included in the deed with American Asphalt. He said that the Town meeting was advertised on WJJQ. He said currently the companies have the right to operate from dawn to dusk & they have agreed to limit their hours to 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. for all of their pits in this area if this request is granted. He thinks that this would be beneficial to the adjoining neighborhood.

Tom Daigle was present and he is one of the owners. He said it was originally advertised as a "metallic mine" and they called and corrected the ad so that it was listed as a "non-metallic mine". He said that Mathy is experienced in reclamation and didn't agree that the area would look like a bomb was dropped as those in opposition have stated. He didn't agree with the statement that they were "getting rich" off this opportunity and he said that they are not. They are gaining more land but they do not have the mineral rights so they are not making any money on that. He said that they are expecting Mathy to follow through with their obligation for reclamation of the land.

Paul Daigle was present to speak. He is one of the owners. He said that their family wants to work closely with the company to make sure that the land will be restored to a good environmentally stable area. He said that the pond that was previously referenced that had dried up probably had nothing to do with there being a mine in the area. They have had ponds dry up on their land too but attributed it to drought in recent years. He said that Non-metallic Mining is listed as a Conditional Use in this zoning district because there are some areas where this is NOT in conflict with the surrounding area but needs to have the Conditional Use Permit. Allen asked for ownership clarification. He said that Mathy owns it. Bowers asked if they have right of first refusal and Paul said that they did and that their intent is to reclaim it with Mathy then buy it back. Daigle said that this has been about a 2½ year conversation to work this out.

Baughan asked for opponents.

John Lazarz was present in opposition. He said that he never heard the advertisement. He said he doesn't believe that property values are not affected. He said that this should not be a Conditional Use because it would be end up being a permanent use of the property for the next 40-50 years. He believes that the constant noise is not good for peoples' mental or physical health. Bowers asked Lazarz if he currently feels there is a safety issue with the trucks hauling and he said that there is. Bowers asked about the noise and he said he can hear noise from the current operation.

Mike Heise was present in opposition. He said that this is 2 separate requests and thinks it should be treated as one. He questions the number of trucks that are estimated that will be hauling. He said that the property values have not been affected as yet but what is currently in place is not a "major" operation and between these 2 requests it would be and would be totally different than what currently exists. He is bothered by the fact that there is so many "unknowns" with these requests. He said the effect on the spring fed lake has not been addressed. He urges the Committee to vote no.

Patricia Heise stated that the same concerns they have with the County Materials request are present with the American Asphalt request. She said Mr. Burch's data regarding property values only reflected past history and cannot predict what the future impact will be on the area. She doesn't feel that the Daigles should be the ones responsible for enforcement of the reclamation and was worried that there is no enforcement of NR135. Bowers questioned her statement that there are no enforcement mechanisms for NR135. She said that there are standards but she doesn't see where there are regulations enforcing them. Bowers said that the county administers & enforces those standards for the state with their non-metallic mining ordinance.

Walter Horabik was present in opposition. He questioned why 2 large companies would purchase land locked parcels. He commented on the corner paving issues. He again said that the ponds drying up are an issue. He said that homes that are already for sale in the area not selling and he has contacted an attorney and has been advised that there's nothing Horabik can do until his home actually sells for less than assessed value. He said that he has previously inquired about the use of the gravel pit prior to buying his property and he was told it was a county pit used a couple of times a year. He said that they currently operate 6 a.m-6 p.m. He noted that back in 2001 with the Highway 51 expansion, the Daigles were completely against the gravel pits there.

Norm Heckendorf again came to the podium and said that these 2 big companies must know something that we don't for there to be 2 requests for this long of a term. He wondered if it had to do with a bypass near Minocqua in the near future. He doubted a need for the number of gravel pits in this immediate area.

John Heckendorf again came to the podium and said that he sees that with all the opposition today he said that it is clear that the will of the people of Skanawan is to not allow these gravel pits and thought government decisions were supposed to be made based on the will of the people. He also said that when people state that they are not "in something for the money" it insults your intelligence.

Baughan read into the record that 3/23/15 that the Town of Skanawan Board gave approval for the CUP request with a vote of 3-0. Baughan read the requested conditions which were: "Post permanent High Viz truck hauling signs (foldable) South of Hwy S corner and East of pit entrance. Install full width pavement on shoulder for radius of corner on Hwy S and intersection of Hwy S and Hwy V".

Baughan admitted the department's staff report & recommendations into the record. Those being: **1)** The regulations contained in 17.3.08 (10) of Lincoln County Ordinances are made a part of the conditions of approval. **2)** All mining activities shall be a minimum of 25 feet to property lines unless both landowners agree to mine up to the shared property line. A signed written agreement must be filed with the Land Services Department. **3)** Hours of operation shall be restricted to 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday, unless otherwise approved by the Town of Skanawan. **4)** Maximum pit depth shall not be below 1500 ft. (msl) or 10 feet above the groundwater table whichever is higher in elevation. **5)** The conditional use shall be reviewed by the Town of Skanawan & Lincoln County 10 years from the date of approval with the option to renew for another 10 years being contingent on compliance with conditions of the original Conditional Use permit. **6)** Reclamation shall be ongoing with no more than 30 acres open at any given time. **7)** No asphalt plants, wash plants, cement plants, or blasting will be permitted. **8)** Two permanent fold up truck hauling signs will be placed on County Road S at locations designated by the highway department. **9)** The inside corners at two locations on County Road S will be paved at the applicant's expense to alleviate gravel from the shoulders being strewn onto paved portions of the road.

Baughan also referenced the written testimony presented by Patricia Heise for the Heise Childrens Irrevocable Trust and by Walter & Jacquelyn Horabik. Supervisor Baughan called for any other proponents and/or opponents and there were none. Supervisor Baughan closed the public hearing for the Conditional Use request. There was brief discussion.

M/S Breitenmoser/Rusch to LAYOVER the request to be on a future meeting at the "call of the Chair". Baughan called for a roll call vote: Allen-Aye, Breitenmoser-Aye, Rusch-Aye, Baughan-Aye. Motion carried.

Committee returned to Agenda item #3. All of the audience except Corporation Counsel left at this time.

8. Agency Updates – Moved to next month's meeting.

9. Soil & Water Resource Management Staffing Grant 2016 – Wessel explained the program, DATCP grant and calculations. M/S Allen/Rusch to approve the 2016 DATCP grant application. Motion carried all ayes. Baughan signed the application. The committee moved to item #11
10. Managed Grazing – This agenda item had to be laid over until next meeting as Breitenmoser would have to recuse himself and with Plant excused & Hetfeld & Powell previously having to leave there would no longer be a quorum.
1) Marathon/Lincoln County Managed Grazing Agreement - Contract –
2) Marathon/Lincoln County Managed Grazing Agreement – Resolution 2015-02-05 –
11. Comprehensive Plan Document Reformatting – North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission – Wessel shared with the Committee the volume of information currently regarding the Comprehensive Plan and would like to have it simplified or at least made more “user friendly”. It would not change the content just to make it more manageable. She has spoken to NCWRPC regarding the project. She would like Committee approval to enter into a contract with NCWRPC for \$5,000. M/S Rusch/Breitenmoser to enter into that contract with NCWRPC for the reformatting of Comp Plan. Motion carried 4-0.
12. Farmland Preservation Plan proposal with North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission – Wessel explained that this was included in the information about the proposal. She said that this was an estimate for a very minimal plan & survey. She explained the breakdown of the proposal. Allen said that she would be hesitant without more information. Wessel said that this is just to decide to move forward or not and then the content of the survey would be subsequently decided. Breitenmoser said that this is basically to see if we want to move forward with getting help with our Farmland Preservation Planning. There was discussion on leaving the amount too open-ended and the timeline of the proposed survey. There was some more discussion on the cost of the survey with UW River Falls & Wessel suggested approving a “not to exceed amount”. Baughan asked if this Committee would have a say in the questions on the survey. Wessel said that they would but she cautioned them in getting bogged down in wording. Baughan said that she didn’t want to see the wording to be biased one way or another with leading questions. Wessel said she has worked with UW River Falls before and they are very good at surveys. Wessel said that a questionnaire would be finalized sometime in mid-June. Cash outlay for the survey & help from NCWRP would not exceed \$22,500 and the rest would be staff resources. Wessel asked for separate approvals. The 1st vote was for moving forward with UW River Falls for the survey. M/S Rusch/Breitenmoser to enter into an agreement with UW River Falls to not exceed \$7500. Motion carried all ayes. The 2nd vote would be for entering into a contract with NCWRPC for the Farmland Preservation Planning (\$15,000). Baughan had questions about what other agencies would be involved. She wasn’t sure it should include federal agencies. Wessel said that federal could be struck. There was more discussion. M/S Allen/Breitenmoser to enter into a contract with NCWRPC & move forward. Motion carried 3-1 with Baughan voting Nay.
13. Budget Modification - Farmland Preservation Planning – Wessel explained that the budget modification is necessary for moving forward with the Farmland Preservation in 2015. M/S Rusch/Breitenmoser to approve the Budget Modification as proposed and forward to Finance. Motion carried all ayes. The Committee members signed the Budget Modification to forward t Finance.
14. Department Report - Wessel commented that we received the 3 year extension on the Land & Water Resource Management Plan. She also said that we are now having problems with the oldest of the department vehicles (2007 Jeep). She has received 2 estimates for repairs and it may require a budget modification in the future if we want to proceed with the repairs.
15. Confirm next meeting/public hearing date – May 14, 2015 - Date confirmed. Discussion. Time to be determined.
16. Adjourn – M/S Breitenmoser/Rusch to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried all ayes.