

Polk County Land Conservation Committee "Special Meeting"

A Special Meeting of the Land Conservation Committee was held November 14, 2008, in the County Board Room.

Supervisors Present: Larry Jepsen, Diane Stoneking, Kathryn Kienholz, and Ted Johnson, FSA Representative. Dean Johansen was absent.
LWRD Staff: Tim Ritten, Peter DeJardin and Rebecca Fredrickson

Court Reporter: Pauline Hanson, Northwest Court Reporters, Hudson, Wisc.

Chairman Jepsen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The Special Meeting was scheduled to conduct a contested case hearing on the Notice of Appeal in the Matter of New Mine Permit #76 (Milestone Materials – Laketown Quarry), filed by Richard Ihrig, Lindquist & Vennum, attorneys for Appellants.

Appearances noted:

Priscilla Dorn-Cutler	Appearing on behalf of the LCC
Richard Ihrig	Appearing on behalf of Appellants
Douglas Clark	Appearing on behalf of Milestone Materials
Malia Malone	Representing Land & Water Resources

Appellants – Ihrig to proceed. Question on how the LCC wants him to address scheduling, procedure and overall situation of the "larger picture." Ms. Malone cautioned LCC re too much data; Mr. Clark pointed out the narrow scope and the ability to handle this matter quickly. The process, scope and scheduling will need to be discussed. The LCC agreed to continue down a narrow path today.

The hearing begun today meets the 15-day timeline and for the purposes of preparation for a hearing, Mr. Ihrig requested 60 days to prepare. Ms. Malone stated Jeffrey Fuge thought the hearing should begin within 30 days and Mr. Clark preferred as soon as possible – 15 days was better than 30, but he did not agree to the requested 60 days.

Length of Hearing discussed. Ihrig needs 5 days; Clark needs 1/2 day; Corporation Counsel needs 1 or 2 days. The LCC met with Ms. Dorn-Cutler to discuss scheduling, and noted 30 days would fall during the holiday season.

After review of all schedules, Chairman Jepsen set January 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2009 for the hearing. All communications to the LCC will go through Ms. Dorn-Cutler. Messrs. Fuge, Clark and Ihrig will agree on witness lists, exhibits, etc. and forward to Ms. Dorn-Cutler.

Motion (Kienholz/Johnson) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Pending approval by the LCC at the next meeting