

AGENDA

Polk County Lime Quarry Committee Meeting

December 3, 2009
Co. Board Room
Balsam Lake, WI

- 12:00 -- Opening of Meeting
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approve Minutes of October 14 & November 2, 2009
 - Public Comments
 - Invoices
 - Belt Scale purchase approval
 - Price of new Ag Lime product if product meets 60-69 index
 - Review of Non-Represented Performance Review Process for Department Heads and Distribution of Performance Evaluation Materials
 - Update of Operations
 - Adjourn

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Polk County Lime Quarry Committee
Polk County Government Center, County Board Room
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 54810
Minutes of December 3, 2009 Meeting

Chairman Jepsen called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. Present were members Dean Johansen, Ted Johnson, Kathryn Kienholz, and Diane Stoneking. Also present was lime quarry interim manager Moe Norby.

Agenda was changed to move the two major items requiring decisions ahead of public comment. **Motion by Stoneking / Kienholz to approve the modified agenda; carried.**

Motion by Johansen / Kienholz to approve the minutes of the November 2 meeting; carried.

Equipment purchases. Purchasing two belt scales (~\$7K each) would ensure accountability of production, i.e., Norby would know exactly how much tonnage was being crushed and could then reconcile that tonnage with sales and inventory. It would also allow him to calculate accurate costs of production; such cost accounting is now based largely on estimates. New sales software (~\$14K) would automate the sales and billing process and allow better monitoring of receivables, and would also have the eventual capability to interface with the county's accounting system. The committee agreed that tracking sales and receivables was a higher priority than measuring production. **Motion by Johansen / Johnson not to buy the belt scales, with the understanding that the committee will consider the software purchase in January; carried.** Possible purchase of the software will be on the January agenda.

Pricing of 60-69 ag lime. Moe brought samples of existing 50-59 lime and the lime crushed using the new 1/64" screens, which product he hopes will test as 60-69, although the test results are not back yet. The finer crushing slows production down to about half, but the resulting product would be faster-acting on a field, making it suitable for spring application, i.e., to "jump start" a field.

Johansen had to leave at 12:38 p.m.

Johnson left the room.

The committee discussed pricing of the new product. **Motion by Kienholz / Stoneking to charge \$9.25/ton for 60-69 if that is how the new, finer product tests, and \$8.00/ton for 50-59, prices recommended by Norby; carried.**

Johnson rejoined the meeting at 12:43.

There was no public comment.

Invoices. Norby reviewed the month's invoices with the committee. **Motion by Stoneking / Kienholz to approve them; carried.**

The committee received the evaluation materials for Norby. Evaluation, including setting goals for 2010, will take place at the January meeting.

Operations. The Amery-Dresser trail will require 17K tons of class 5 and 14K tons of 3/8"-minus. The latter will require purchase of additional screens, but also will use material that would ordinarily go to the slag pile. Security cameras have been installed, as well as four new lights. Corporation counsel is still researching the land contract. Norby is working with the land and water department to get rid of unsuitable reclamation material, i.e., trash that has been dumped into the quarry. He is also working to get 1, (free) foundry sand to use in reclamation, and 2, ash from Amery for that purpose. The ash would be from leaves and such material, not industrial ash.

Moved by Stoneking / Johnson to adjourn; carried. Committee adjourned at 12:58 p.m.