

AGENDA

Polk County Lime Quarry Committee Meeting

January 9, 2013
Co. Board Room
Balsam Lake, WI

Preliminary Matters (Chair) – 8:30 am

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of November 7, 2012
4. Public Comments (Speakers Limited to 3 Min.)

Old Business – (Action)

1. Recommendation on Resolution to Authorize Lease of Lime Quarry Lands to Sundbakken Farms, Inc.

Department Report and Discussion (Dept Head- 30 Min.)

1. Invoice Review
2. Preliminary Year End
 - Year End Status/Inventory
 - 2012 Budget Review

- New Business**
1. 10 hour days during Jan-Feb (Action) **(5 min)**
 2. Fertilizer & Ag Lime Conference

Questions & Discussion

Next Meeting Date: (Follow Land & Water/ Extension Schedule)

Adjourn

This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk's Office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential.

Polk County Lime Quarry Committee
Polk County Government Center, County Board Room
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810
Minutes of January 9, 2013 Meeting

In absence of Chairman Johansen, Vice Chairman Jepsen called the meeting to order at 8:30 am
Members present: Larry Jepsen, Herschel Brown, William Johnson

Others present: Dave Peterson, Lime Quarry Manager,
Patti Andersen, LWRD
Brad & Sue Johnson, Osceola

Approval of Agenda: Motion made (Johnson/Brown) to approve agenda. Approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2012: Motion made (Johnson/Brown) to approve November meeting minutes. Approved by consensus.

Public Comment: Brad Johnson discussed the conservation practices he uses for crop production.

Old Business: Recommendation on Resolution to Authorize Lease of Lime Quarry Lands to Sundbakken Farms, Inc. Peterson discussed the 45 acres of land owned by the lime quarry that is not yet mined. Because the lime quarry has enough land open for mining for over 5 years, the land Sundbakken Farms, Inc. (B. Johnson) would rent would give Polk County a source of income for those years. Peterson discussed the factors he used as consideration of rental payment, it was agreed that \$100/acre was a fair payment. Based on the restrictions of a no-till cropping system and past rental relationship, Peterson recommended leasing the land to Sundbakken Farms. **Motion made (Brown/Johnson) to approve resolution with amendments to lease land at \$100/acre for five years. Approved by consensus. Amendments committee agreed to were two formal changes in contract: five year lease instead of four year lease, date submitted to county board is January 15 instead of January 18.**

Department Report and Discussion: Invoice Review: Peterson reviewed the two months worth of expenses with the committee, emphasizing increase in energy costs and repairs.

Preliminary Year End – year End Status/Inventory: Peterson discussed the record sales of the past year at the lime quarry. Last two years have had a 20% increase each year. Class five also up from last year. Peterson stated that agriculture lime sales was directly related to the corn/soybean price and class five was proportional to amount of road work and the building industry.

2012 Budget Review: Peterson discussed the 2012 budget, emphasizing quarry now has a substantial amount of inventory which was lacking in previous years. Peterson also discussed the overages on some expenses (fuel, electricity and repairs) was directly related to the record amount of lime produced and sold in 2012.

New Business: 10 Hour Days During January/February: Because winter is a slower time for lime quarry and business would not affected and because of winter temperatures being harder on

machinery and using more energy for initial start up, Peterson recommended to the committee that the lime quarry temporarily (January and February) be open for 10 hours Monday through Thursday with Friday closed, saving the county energy costs. **Motion made (Johnson/Brown) to recommend temporary two month, four day work week for the Polk County Lime Quarry. Motion carried unanimously.**

Fertilizer and Agriculture Lime Conference: Peterson discussed his attendance at the Fertilizer and Ag Lime Conference January 15 – 17, in Madison.

Questions and Discussion: None

Next Meeting Date: To be set by Land and Water Resources Department.

Adjourn: Motion made (Johnson/Brown) to adjourn meeting at 9:05 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Patti Andersen