

McHenry County Gravel Advisory Council

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July 27, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Donna Bernardi	Riley Township
Randy Donley	McHenry County Board
John Henriksen	Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers
Annick Maenhout	VCNA Prairie Aggregates
Robert Pierce	Dorr Township
Dennis Sandquist	McHenry County Planning & Development
Steve Thelen	Thelen Sand & Gravel
Andrew Thomas	McHenry County Sheriff's Police
Steve Weskerna	Marengo Township
Randi Wille	Meyer Material, Co.

Commencement:

Co-chair Donna Bernardi called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the McHenry County Administration Building. Donna called for approval of the minutes from the April 27, 2010 meeting. Randi Wille made the motion and Steve Thelen seconded it. Minutes were adopted with unanimous consent.

Public Comments:

None.

Old Business:

Andrew Thomas updated the Council on trucking and transportation issues in the County.

McHenry County is revamping and modernizing its permit system for overweight / over-length trucks. Overweight fines have diminished due in large part to doubling of fines in recent legislation. However, his office is seeing an increase in citations for serious equipment violations. 428 stops were made with 340 citations issued. Of these, 61 stops were for aggregate haulers, with 64 citations issued. (Of the 64 aggregate citations, 24 were for serious brake violations, with the rest being for tire violations, unsecured load, and safety check violations.)

Dennis Sandquist updated the Council regarding McHenry County's 2030 Comprehensive Plan as it relates to sand and gravel mining.

Sandquist reported that the County Board adopted the Plan in April, 2010 and explained how sand and gravel resources were portrayed in the final document. Specifically, sand and gravel was identified in the Plan as natural resources that should be preserved in order to promote economic development. In addition, aggregates operations were specifically identified on land use maps to aid in such preservation efforts. With the completion of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan process, Sandquist stated that this issue should be removed from the Council's agenda.

Dennis Sandquist updated the Council regarding the proposed changes to the County zoning ordinance and health ordinance regarding topographic mapping and groundwater testing requirements.

Changes to the aggregates industry groundwater testing requirements proposed by the County Health Department, and reviewed by the Council, were submitted to the County Board on July 20. These changes will become a final health ordinance on August 17 in the absence of any dispute. With the 2030 plan completed, the County zoning ordinances will be reviewed and amended as appropriate. The County zoning ordinance relating to topographic mapping will be reviewed and amended as part of this review process.

Dennis Sandquist updated the Council regarding the County's proposal to amend the Stormwater Management Ordinance regarding duration of stormwater management permits.

Sandquist continues to track proposed changes to the Stormwater Management Ordinance regarding duration of stormwater management permits. The Council also discussed an exemption for operations in existence prior to this ordinance. Sandquist stated that these changes have gone to the stormwater management committee and should be ready for Board approval in September, 2010.

Donna Bernardi and **Dennis Sandquist** provided an update regarding the ongoing complaint about the berm surrounding the Coal Lake Sand and Gravel along Illinois Route 23, south of West Coral Road, near Marengo.

Bernardi was please with the grading and seeding work that had been done in response to her complaint. However, Sandquist stated ongoing erosion will require additional grading and re-seeding. The County will re-inspect prior to the next meeting.

New Business:

No new ideas for future Council educational or outreach activities were suggested. However, the Council discussed planning for another County Board tour of local aggregates mines.

Member Comments:

The Council discussed the ongoing drainage problems along both sides of Route 23 subsequent to re-surfacing by IDOT. The existing drainage ditches are not able to handle the volumes of water draining from the rebuilt road bed. In addition, Steve Weskerna outlined the need for a program to check truck brakes in order to avoid accidents.

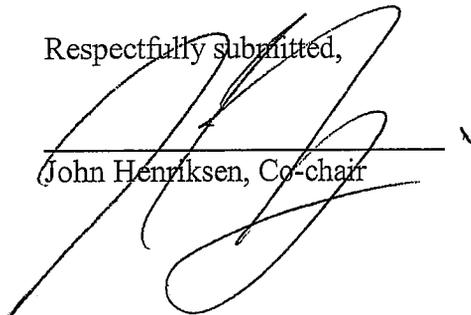
Next meeting date:

The next Council meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building. Shawn McKinney will forward this meeting's minutes and the next meeting's agenda to members prior to the meeting date.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Annick Maenhout, seconded by Randi Wille. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Henriksen, Co-chair