

**MINUTES OF THE
LAND RECLAMATION COMMISSION MEETING
NIGHTINGALE CREEK CONFERENCE ROOM
LEWIS AND CLARK STATE OFFICE BUILDING
1101 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
May 26, 2011**

Vice Chairman, Dr. Haddock, called the meeting to order on May 26, 2011 at 10:02 a.m., at the Department of Natural Resources, Lewis and Clark State Office Building, Nightingale Conference Room, located at 1101 Riverside Drive, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Commissioners Present: Dr. Haddock, Vice Chairman; Joe Gillman, John Madras, Dr. Gertsch and Aaron Jeffries. Not present: Jim DiPardo, Chairman

Staff Present: Mike Larsen, Bill Zeaman, Larry Slechta, David Dowdy, Joyce Luebbering, Rosie Schulte, Guy Frazier, Don Cripe, Teresa Schubert, Teri Bibbs, Zach Davenport, and Tina Stockman.

Others Present: Jenny Frazier, Assistant Attorney General, Steve Rudloff, Missouri Limestone Producers Association; Mike Carlson, Gredell Engineering; Van Beydler, Steve Feeler, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Quality; and Chris Thiltgen, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geology and Land Survey.

Approval of March 24, 2011 Commission Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #2

Commissioner Jefferies made a motion to approve the March 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes as written. Commissioner Madras seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Madras: Yes
Commissioner Gillman: Yes
Commissioner Jeffries: Yes
Vice Chairman Haddock: Yes
Commissioner Gertsch: Abstain
Chairman DiPardo: Absent

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution for Nick Matherly, Former Commissioner

Agenda Item #3

Mike Larsen, Staff Program Director, stated that Nick Matherly served on the Commission from November, 2004 until March, 2011. Mr. Matherly couldn't be with us today to receive this Resolution. Mr. Larsen thanked Nick very much for his years of service to this Commission, where ever he may be right now. Mr. Larsen stated that we will get this in the mail to Nick signed by all of the Commissioners present today. It looked very nice and in a nice frame. He may want to display this in his home to remind him of his years of faithful service to this Commission. Mr. Larsen thanked Nick again. Mr. Jefferies asked Mr. Larsen if we should hold the resolution so that Jim DiPardo could sign it. Mr. Larsen answered that is a good idea, we certainly will do that. Mr. Larsen stated that we expected Jim DiPardo at the meeting, but he was unable to make it.

INDUSTRIAL MINERALS

Summary of Industrial Mineral Bond Release Requests Approved by the Staff Director

Agenda Item #4

Larry Slechta, Environmental Specialist III, reported on this Agenda Item to the Commissioners. There was no action required by the Commission. This Summary was provided for the Commission's information.

Resolution for Chris Thiltgen

Agenda Item #5

Mr. Larsen presented Chris Thiltgen, former staff member of the Land Reclamation Program, with a Resolution signed by the Commissioners that were present. He stated that Chris had worked with us for three and a half years and provided a lot of positive input to the Program particularly with Industrial Minerals. He took the program's technology to another level along with other members of the Unit, which is supervised by Bill. While Chris was with Program the development of the mobile technology began by putting all of the Industrial Mineral maps for these hundreds of mines onto the computer and used GPS technology. When the Inspector was at the mine sites and traveling with the Operator they could locate their exact position on the ground, to determine features that were at these mine sites, whether inside or outside of the permitted area and are able to produce inspection reports rapidly, sometimes right on the site when the inspection was done. These were advances in efficiency and accuracy. Mr. Larsen stated he can compare this to when he can remember using ruled paper and a pencil. They would gauge themselves from using an air photo and comparing it to where you were standing on the site. Chris had led the way and provided a lot of valuable input to the program. We greatly appreciated it and have really enjoyed having you with the Program. Mr. Larsen read the Resolution. Vice Chairman Haddock thanked Chris for his service and wished him luck in Geology.

PERMITS, CONTRACTS AND DESIGN

Coal Permitting Activities Update

Agenda Item #6

Zachary Davenport, Environmental Specialist III, reported on this Agenda Item for Mike Mueller, Contracts and Design Unit Chief, since he was not able to be at the meeting. There was no action required by the Commission. The Commission thanked him for this report.

Abandoned Mined Lands Status Update

Agenda Item #7

Zachary Davenport, Environmental Specialist III, reported on this Agenda Item for Mike Mueller, Contracts and Design Unit Chief, since he was not able to be at the meeting. There was no action required by the Commission. The Commissioners had some questions and comments on some of the reports.

David Dowdy, Environmental Specialist III, reported on the Sim's Mine Shaft, located in Joplin, Missouri. Mr. Dowdy showed some pictures on the screen of the project to the Commission and those present. Commissioners had some questions and thanked him for the report. There was no action required by the Commission.

PROJECTS AND INSPECTION UNIT

Responsibility Release Request for Missouri Mining Pit 6 Permits

Agenda Item #8

Guy Frazier, Environmental Specialist IV, reported on this Agenda Item to the Commissioners. Mr. Frazier showed some pictures of the bond forfeiture site. This item required action by the Commission. The Program recommended that the 20 acres associated with Permit 78-25-A1 and the 5 acres associated with Permit 78-25-A3-Increment #5 receive responsibility release from the Land Reclamation Commission. The Commissioners had no questions for him. Commissioner Jeffries made a motion to accept Staff's recommendation that the 20 acres associated with Permit 78-25-A1 and the 5 acres associated with Permit 78-25-A3-Increment #5 receive responsibility release from the Land Reclamation Commission. Commissioner Madras seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Madras: yes
Commissioner Gillman: yes
Commissioner Jeffries: yes
Commissioner Gertsch: yes
Vice Chairman Haddock: yes

The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Comments from the Public

Agenda #9

No comments from the Public.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Jeffries made a motion that the Land Reclamation Commission meet in Closed Session on July 28, 2011 prior to an open meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel actions, legal actions, causes of actions or litigation as provided in Section 610.021 RSMo, 2003. Commissioner Gillman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Madras: yes
Commissioner Gillman: yes
Commissioner Jeffries: yes
Commissioner Gertsch: yes
Vice Chairman Haddock: yes

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Commissioner Gillman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gertsch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Gillman: yes
Commissioner Jeffries: yes
Commissioner Gertsch: yes
Commissioner Madras: yes
Vice Chairman Haddock: yes

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman