

**MINUTES OF THE
LAND RECLAMATION COMMISSION MEETING
NIGHTINGALE CREEK CONFERENCE ROOM
LEWIS AND CLARK STATE OFFICE BUILDING
1101 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
JULY 24, 2014**

Vice Chairman Gregory Haddock called the meeting to order on July 24, 2014 at 9:04 a.m., at the Department of Natural Resources, Lewis and Clark State Office Building, Nightingale Creek Conference Room, located at 1101 Riverside Drive, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Commissioners Present: Dr. Gregory Haddock, Vice Chairman; Commissioner Aaron Jeffries; Commissioner Leslie Gertsch; Commissioner Joe Gillman; Commissioner Mike Larsen; Commissioner John Madras.

Staff Present: Kevin Mohammadi, Program Director; Sharon Thompson, Secretary to the Commission; Lauren Cole; Bill Zeaman; Don Cripe; Larry Teson; Larry Slechta; Greg Snellen; Beth Aubuchon; Mike Mueller; Vic Rackers; Daniel Wedemeyer; Kurtis Cooper.

Others Present: Daren Eppley, Attorney General's Office, Counsel to the Commission; Larry Archer, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Quality Administration; Danny Lyskowski, General Counsel's Office, Department of Natural Resources; Todd Leahy, Intern, Department of Natural Resources; Steve Rudloff, MLPA; Chris Thiltgen, Capital Quarries; Travis Doll, Gredell Engineering.

Election of New Officers

Agenda Item #2

Commissioner Madras made a motion to nominate Dr. Gregory Haddock to serve as Chairman and Mike Larsen as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Gertsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of May 1, 2014 Commission Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #3

Commissioner Larsen made a motion to approve the May 1, 2014, Meeting Minutes as submitted. Commissioner Gillman seconded the motion. The motion passed. Commissioners Gertsch and Madras abstained.

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

Agenda Item #4

Larry Slechta, Environmental Specialist, Non-Coal Unit, reported on this agenda item to the Commission. There was no action required by the Commission. This summary was provided for the Commission's information. The Commission thanked him for his report.

Doe Run West Fork Update

Agenda Item #5

Bill Zeaman, Environmental Specialist IV, Non-Coal Unit, presented a summary of this issue to the Commission. Mr. Zeaman explained to the Commission that on May 27, 2014 and June 3, 2014, two separate complaints had been made to the Department of Natural Resources about improper in-stream gravel removal and excessive gravel removal on West Fork of Black River in Reynolds County. An initial inspection was conducted on June 5, 2014, by the Land Reclamation Program. A second inspection took place on June 10, 2014 with the Missouri Department of Conservation stream expert Matt Matheney along with Southeast Regional Office and Land Reclamation Program staff. On June 18, 2014 a Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued to The Doe Run Company. The Doe Run Company has been ordered to cease all in-stream mining activities until implementing a stream restoration plan as recommended by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Chairman Haddock asked if The Doe Run Company could explain their actions. Mr. Zeaman responded that they were using a contractor, a seventy (70) year old gentleman mentioned that the older gentleman got into what he thought was unconsolidated material and continued to mine landward. Commissioner Larsen then asked if the NOV had been addressed by the company. Mr. Zeaman stated that there were six parts to the violation, primarily requiring the cessation of mining-and the submittal of an application. The final portion of the NOV was the requirement to implement a stream restoration plan. The Missouri Department of Conservation prepared a restoration plan and it was sent to the company. Doe Run will be receiving only an in-stream permit. There was no action required by the Commission. This summary was provided for the Commission's information. The Commission thanked him for his report.

Ardath Highwall Project Completion

Agenda Item #6

Larry Teson, Environmental Specialist, Contracts and Design Unit, reported on this agenda item to the Commission. There was no action required by the Commission. This summary was provided for the Commission's information. The Commission thanked him for his report.

Abandoned Mined Land Status Update

Agenda Item #7

Greg Snellen, Environmental Specialist, Contracts and Design Unit, reported on this agenda item to the Commission. Mr. Snellen gave a brief overview of the projects the Abandoned Mine Land

Unit is working on. There was no action required by the Commission. The Commission thanked him for his report.

Legislative Update

Agenda Item #8

Kevin Mohammadi, Program Director, reported on this agenda item to the Commission. He provided highlights of House Bill No. 1201 and Senate Bill No. 642, which were signed by the Governor. These bills addressed items pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources and the Land Reclamation Commission, including changing the name of the Commission to the Missouri Mining Commission. Commissioner Gillman asked if it would be possible to get an overview of the new or amended requirements. Director Mohammadi agreed to provide a summary to the Commission. There was no action required by the Commission. The Commission thanked him for his report.

OTHER

Comments from the Public

Agenda Item # 9

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Gertsch to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Larsen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.