



## **Pepin County Land Conservation Department**

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### **PEPIN COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 15, 2010**

#### **Members Present**

Brent King, Jim Kraft and Kurt Manore

#### **Members Absent**

Dan Weiss and LaVerne Crapser

#### **Others Present**

Chase Cummings, Andrew Komisar, John Komisar and Terry Kitchner

Jim Kraft, Vice- Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

#### **Nonmetallic Mining Financial Assurance Bonding Informational Discussion**

This meeting was set to be an informational meeting for discussion of financial assurance bonding of nonmetallic mining pits. Chase explained to those present, his projection of the financial assurance bonding needed in the event their pit would be reclaimed. Chase continued to explain how he came up with these figures. The operators expressed feelings that they had concerning raising the financial assurance bonding. They felt that if bonding were to get too expensive, it might force some of the operators to close their pit. Other suggestions were heard. Terry Kitchner felt that each pit should be evaluated on a site-specific basis and assessed accordingly as to the cost it would be to reclaim that site. Brent King suggested visiting 4 to 5 pits per year to assess the pit with the operator in determining cost for financial assurance bonding. Jim Kraft suggested that perhaps portions of the pit could be reclaimed with the possibility of the financial assurance bond for the operator be lowered.

Chase said a Land Conservation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. Discussion of financial assurance bonding will be on the agenda and invited all operators to attend.

**Adjourn**

Kurt Manore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by Brent King and carried by voice vote.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Pat Poeschel, Conservation Program Specialist