

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

September 4, 2012

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Moved by C/Bryant, seconded by C/Seifert, and carried to approve the following resolution for the Minnesota State Agency Assistance:

Whereas, The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners (The Board) enacted an extension to a moratorium to study silica sand mining issues within the County of Goodhue; and

Whereas, The Board created a Mining Study Committee and hired consultants to aid in the review of the issues and county policies; and

Whereas, The Board believes a statewide coordinated study of specific issues is warranted; and

Whereas, The Board has identified three areas of study they feel the state agencies should coordinate and provide guidance; and

Whereas, the three areas of study are as follows:

- 1) Air Quality Standards and Monitoring
  - Develop a standard of particulate matter size for measuring crystalline silica particles
  - Develop guidelines for measuring airborne crystalline silica particles (suggested distances from source, weather monitoring, etc.)
  - Suggest device specifications for measuring airborne crystalline silica particles
- 2) Transportation
  - Coordination procedures with state, federal, and railroad entities concerning haul routes
  - Legislative review of the Aggregate Tax with a potential different rate for silica sand hauling
- 3) Water
  - On a regional or watershed level, research water usage for silica sand mines and its effect on the quality and quantity of water in the affected aquifers and local wells
  - Study and consider how silica sand mining may impact the ability of the State of Minnesota to administer applicable provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act including Minnesota Rules Chapter 7050 (Water Quality Standards for Waters of the State) to ensure protection of State of Minnesota "Public Waters"

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State of Minnesota  
County of Goodhue

Bryant	Yes	<u>  X  </u>	No	___
Allen	Yes	<u>  X  </u>	No	___
Seifert	Yes	<u>  X  </u>	No	___
Rechtzigel	Yes	<u>  X  </u>	No	___
Samuelson	Yes	<u>  X  </u>	No	___

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I, Scott O. Arneson, duly appointed, County Administrator of the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Goodhue County, Minnesota at their session held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at Red Wing, Minnesota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

  
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Scott O. Arneson  
County Administrator

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