

**MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014
MPCA Room Board Room, 520 Lafayette Road N, St. Paul**

EQB Members Present: Dave Frederickson, Mike Rothman, John Saxhaug, Erik Tomlinson, Kristen Eide-Tollefson, Tom Landwehr, Dr. Ed Ehlinger, Katie Clark-Sieben, Julie Goehring, Brian Napstad, John Linc Stine, Sandy Rummel (Met Council), Leah Hedman (Attorney General's Office)

EQB Members Absent: Spencer Cronk, Charlie Zelle, Kate Knuth

Staff Present: Will Seuffert (EQB), Kate Frantz (EQB), Megan Eischen (EQB), Caroline Magnuson (EQB), Erik Dahl (EQB), Anna Henderson (EQB), Beth Tegdesch (MPCA for EQB)

Chair Dave Frederickson called the meeting to order.

I. Adoption of Consent Agenda and Minutes

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda and approve the May 21, 2014, meeting minutes was made and seconded.

II. Chair's Report

The Board's job today is to determine whether the Michelle and Tracie Erickson 19.11 acre mine site is a phased action to the Minnesota Sands multi-site EIS project. The audience was asked if they had any new information they think the Board would be interested in or could use as they move forward in the discussion.

III. Executive Director's Report

Will Seuffert made a couple of brief announcements. The Climate Change Subcommittee meeting presentations will be posted on the EQB website. Rulemaking advisory panel met yesterday and it is their intent to have a proposal before the Board for consideration and discussion in September. We are looking at traveling off site at the August meeting; will follow up with details.

Staffing updates: Heather Arends, DNR staff, will be working temporarily for the EQB on a part time basis to be the lead on silica sand issues.

IV. Whether the Michelle and Tracie Erickson 19.11 acre mine site is a phased action to the Minnesota Sands multi-site EIS project

Commissioner John Stine made a motion to table the decision at last month's meeting. Today he is making a motion to take the matter off the table. It was seconded, and all were in favor. Motion carries.

Discussion followed.

The following people provided testimony:

1. Marilyn Frauenkron Bayer, Land Stewardship Project
2. Johanna Rupprecht, Land Stewardship Project
3. Chase Squires, attorney representing the Houston County Board

Commissioner Mike Rothman made a motion to amend the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order. Under #8 of the Findings, he would like to add, after *Dissolution of Contract*, "and testimony received at the May 21, 2014, EQB Meeting." All voted in favor of the amendment. Comments, questions, and clarifications were made.

On the motion to adopt the Resolution and Findings as amended: 10 ayes and 1 abstaining; motion prevails.

V. Adjourn

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