

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes for 2017 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting in and for the Town of Dovre, Barron County was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday April 19, 2016 at the Dovre Town Hall located at 304 25 ½ Street. Thirty-Eight (38) Dovre Electors were present plus guests – Names filed in Clerk/Treasurer’s office.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dean Trowbridge at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of allegiance

1. Election of meeting chairperson: Per State Statute 60.13 Chairman Trowbridge will be overseeing the meeting
2. Discuss and vote on preferred voting method: Motion by Dan North second by Tim Nelson to vote by hand. Motion carried with unanimous yes vote – 26 – yes; 0 – no.
3. Swear in elected officials: The new supervisors elected at the April 5, 2016 spring election were sworn in by Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Phillips. Term of office begins April 19, 2016 – April 16, 2018
 - a. Supervisor 3 Jim Plummer (third term)
 - b. Supervisor 4 Mitch Hanson (second term)
4. Reading of the 2015 annual meeting minutes: Chairman Trowbridge asked the electors if they would like to read the minutes to themselves or have them read aloud. Motion by Steve Anderson second by Steve Coon to read the minutes to themselves. Motion carried with unanimous yes vote – 27 – yes; 0 – no.
5. Presentations and five minute Q&A
 - a. Chieftain Sand and Proppant Barron; Jeff Goldsmith presented an overview of 2015 and a preview of 2016; #1 value is safety; purchased a new sweeper and installed new dust control devices at rail load out and waste piles; constructed 5.5 acres of wetlands; started development of Driver mine in 2015; removed material from Luckey and Driver in 2015; backfilled two areas of Luckey and one at Anderson; current employment count of 36; in 2016 all production will be market driven; approximately 10 acres of reclamation at Luckey & Anderson will take place in 2016 and temporarily reclamation of 33 acres at Driver, Luckey & Anderson
 - i. Mary Nietzel – asked what projected 2015 tons were compared to actual 505,000 tons;
 - ii. Jim Plummer – asked Jeff Goldsmith to explain temporary reclamation;
 - iii. Tim Nelson – asked if the Anderson pit was all reclamation now and asked what the time frame would be for completion
 - b. Northern Industrial Sand; Larry McGlumphy & Shane Sabin review of 2015 and overview of 2016; completed dry plant in Dovre and wash plant in Sioux Creek; NIS has a diverse workforce and are committed to make sure they are some of the best trained in the industry; completed stack tests early this year and are well below the allowable limits; hire belly dumps when possible to reduce trucks on the road; completed road projects in Sioux creek; converted from propane to natural gas; started wash plant on 04/04/16;

- work on construction on 25 ¼ and 6th avenue and the hauling will be re-routed; do not plan to lay off anyone and plan to double employment count with current contract talks;
- i. Mary Nietzel – is the sand being produced out of our township and for use in other countries; NIS pitch sounds like the other sand companies when they first started; didn't see any volumes in the presentation and that's what helps the town
 - ii. Jim Plummer – hear from Barron County that places cannot hire quality help and how do they plan on keeping good employees
 - iii. Dan North – how do they suggest not laying people off when the industry turns
- c. Northern White Sand; Denny Luke; 2015 shipped 625,000 tons mined 770,000; plant expansion – dryer & screening tower; built 2nd wet plant; added 330 acres; ended the year with 38 employees; no reclamation in 2016 due to building 2nd wet plant; 2016 budget to ship 550,000 but is market driven; need to mine over one million tons due to the fine sand that is in demand right now; going through N135 permit process to add acreage and mine below the water table; currently have 37 employees and will start wet plant up first week in May; no reclamation this year; no significant capital expenditures or land purchases planned for 2016
- i. Jim Plummer – what is the reason to mine below the water line and does GNS anticipate doing it a lot; the companies need to work on reclamation
 - ii. Mary Nietzel – asked what wet plant will open – the new one; how many trucks from wet plant to dry – 600,000-625,000 tons
- d. Sioux Creek Silica; George Bates; decided not to finish dry plant due to market conditions; have done some environmental work at the dry plant location and are securing the site for the long term; wet plant finished in Sioux Creek and processed about 20,000 tons; the dry plant rail site has been re-engineered to avoid all wet lands; some permits for the conveyor have been submitted and approved and SCS is still working on one; won't be selling sand until the market is better to not sell at a loss and not make bad capital decisions;
- i. Mary Nietzel – are you going to do any kind of coverage for the dry plant or leave it the way it is and should turn the light off in the trailer;
 - ii. Steve Coon – do you own the land all the way around the pond and could anyone fish there – lease land
- e. Progressive Rail; Shawn Kuiper; business is down 60-70% from this time last year compared to the year before 2011 – 5,000 cars; 2012 – 25,000 cars; 2013 – 40,000 cars; 2014 – 45,000 cars; 2015 – 28,000 cars; looking at 12,000 cars for 2016; 11 miles of track repair with 115 pound rail from Agritech to Chieftain which costs between \$4-5 million; working on a tie renewal program from Highway AA to Cameron including 4,000 ties; no capital projects planned this year; contractors are picking up tie piles but they will always be there as they are constantly being replaced; 26 employees; one new customer – Stella Jones which is a treated pole company in Cameron and are going into operation around September; there is competition in the rail industry with trucks due to low gas prices
- i. Denny Luke – how many railcars are being stored; 1,000 from customers all over the USA

- ii. Andy Anderson – any rail road crossings planned;
 - iii. Steve Coon – do you plan on redoing all of the railroad crossings (they need to be approved)
 - iv. Jim Plummer – explain why the dam is shut down for fishing (private property – anyone within 25 feet of rail need training and are taking responsibility for anyone on the property) and could there be a better sign there explaining the reason
- 6. Preliminary 2015 Financial Summary;
 - a. Steve Coon – what are “administrative” costs and where were the town’s costs for the consultant in 2015
- 7. Review 2015 road projects and upcoming 2016 road projects (get the list from dean)
 - a. 2015 Projects
 - i. Blacktop, shoulder, saw & seal, stripe
 - 1. 3 ½ Avenue – 29th Street to 30th Street
 - 2. Barron/Dunn Avenue – 26th Street West 1.25 miles
 - 3. 26th Street – Co Park Bridge South 900 feet
 - ii. Pulverize, add gravel 1800 yard – 1st Ave Lameback Lake
 - iii. Culverts
 - 1. 24 ¾ Street south of fire #423
 - 2. 27 ½ Street north of fire #172
 - 3. 1st Avenue Lameback Lane all culverts
 - iv. Purchased a laser transit
 - v. Built the new town hall
 - vi. Rebuild NIS truck route – 6th Avenue and 25 ¼ Street
 - b. Dan North – asked if the culverts that were replaced were under the road and not driveways
 - c. 2016 Projects
 - i. Pulverize, add gravel, blacktop, shoulder and strip 29th Street from County SS to 2nd Avenue
 - ii. Culverts
 - 1. 29th Street – County SS to 2nd Avenue
 - 2. 27th Street – Junction County SS
 - iii. County Aid Culvert
 - 1. 25 ¼ Street south of Kevin Blaha
 - iv. Consider upgrading the patrol truck
 - v. Purchase new tires for the grader
- 8. Discussion on continuation of snowplowing private driveways
 - a. Cathy Albrecht – why does the board keep discussing and why do they want to stop; Chairman Trowbridge says it is an expense and a liability to the town and takes time
 - b. Tim Nelson – asked what are the costs and said they have never been brought up before
 - c. Dan North – asked if everyone is able to utilize this service
 - d. Chairman Trowbridge asked for a show of hands from the electors for the town to continue plowing driveways; yes 21 ; no – 4; a majority of the residents advise the board to keep plowing

- e. Steve Coon – this is a service provided by the town and should be continued
 - f. Motion by Steve Coon second by Rick Mikl yes – 21; no – 4;
9. Electors – questions/comments
- a. Jean Horton - How much do the board members get for each meeting and how much does the patrolman make
 - b. Mary Nietzel – with the market downturn will the consultant be used less
 - c. Cathy Albrecht – does the attorney and consultant need to be at every meeting; it costs the town money
 - d. Greg LaFond – many of the activities involved in over the past two years have been with the ordinances and operations agreements; he will be working less with the board going forward
 - e. Tim Nelson – thanks Greg LaFond for what he’s done for the town; probably saved the town hundreds of thousands of dollars; knew enough and knows enough to keep the town ahead of things
 - f. Tim Nelson – would like to talk about the old town hall – opinion the board is being lead along and thinks it should be torn down
 - g. Karin Jorstad – there are two parties interested in moving the town hall off the property
10. Chairman Trowbridge asked if there was anything else from the electorate.
11. Motion by Ron Brewster second by Brianna Caulkins to adjourn the annual meeting at 9:00 p.m. yes – 21 no – 0. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Kelly Phillips
Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Dovre, Barron County