

Aggregate Resources Task Force Meeting

10:00 AM– 12:00 PM, September 14,
Minnesota Senate Building – Room 2308
95 University Ave W, St. Paul, MN 55155

Agenda

1. Call to Order: Co-Chair Senator Carrie Ruud, Co-Chair Chris Swedzinski
2. Approve July 24, 2017 Minutes
3. Presentations:
 - A. MACPZA legislative initiatives and use of aggregate maps in Stearns County
Angie Berg - Stearns County Environmental Services – Land Use Division.
 - B. Aggregate mapping: information behind aggregate maps and public access
Kevin Hanson – DNR Cartographer
 - C. MNDOT future aggregate needs and maximization of resources
Glenn Engstrom – Director of the Office of Materials & Road Research, MNDOT
4. Introduction of Legislative Topics – Fred Corrigan Executive Director, MN Aggregate Ready Mix Association and Heather Arends, DNR Mineral Potential Section Manager.
 - A. Appropriation for DNR Aggregate Mapping: To ensure the availability of aggregate resources for the future, local governments need aggregate resource maps. The proposal is \$1M over 10 years to complete the entire state. The rate of mapping is scalable depending funding levels.
 - B. Reclamation: Aggregate mining is a temporary land use. There is greater public awareness and concern over the reclamation of non-metallic mines. To address this concern:
 - Audit the use of the Aggregate Material Removal; Production Tax - Minn. Statute §298.75 Sub. 7 (c)(3) to determine how funds are being used.
 - Update the DNR Reclamation Handbook (1992). This provides technical information for RGUs regarding the reclamation of aggregate pits and managing of permitting programs.
 - Establish a Nonmetallic Mining and Reclamation Advisory Committee. Board members our represent economic, scientific, and cultural viewpoints related to nonmetallic mining and reclamation, modelling WI Advisory Committee established by Wis. Admin. Code Ch. NR 135.51.
 - C. Comprehensive Planning: To plan and preserve aggregate resources for future use, comprehensive plans and ordinances would benefit from:
 - Specifying criteria related to aggregate resources that need to be addressed in comprehensive planning, such as expected population growth with respect to aggregate deposits and expected demand/requirements for aggregates to meet needs.
 - Including within existing the list of forms of control in MN Statute §394.25 “mining districts.”
5. Discussion of Topics with Technical Panel
6. Adjourn