

**Mineral Lands Task Force
FINAL Minutes Meeting #11
April 11, 2013
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Fire Station – 17408 SE 15th Street, Vancouver**

Attendees: Richard Dyrland, Barb Repman, Bob Short, Richard Fazio, Linda Rectanus, Jeff Wriston & Chuck Rose **Staff:** Mike Mabrey & Jan Bazala

Absent: Virgil Barnett

Minutes from the February 12th meeting were approved as written.

Review of Board worksession: The group reviewed the memo memorializing the March 20 worksession with the Board of County Commissioners. On the issue of re-opening dormant mines, it was suggested that there be a simple form that operators could use to provide notice of intent not to abandon the mining use when market conditions warranted a temporary shutdown of operations. It was also noted that payment of annual fees and reports to DNR could provide evidence that the permit remained active.

Recommendation for overlay code changes: The issue was raised again of exempting from site plan approval and building inspection requirements the moving of a portable shop (containers with a truss roof canopy) on a mining site. Mike said that since this is a building code issue for a specific site, Chuck should meet with the Building Official Jim Muir and see if there is some flexibility in the building code.

Jeff made the case for changing the current conditional uses (rock crushing, asphalt and concrete plants) to permitted uses. It would reduce uncertainty in the process and somewhat shift the burden of evidence. All impacts would still have to be addressed and mitigated. After considerable discussion, the group agreed that the current conditional uses could be changed to permitted uses, provided that there was a provision added to the code that required a follow up hearing after operations started that would review whether conditions of approval had been met and whether the conditions adequately addressed the actual impacts of the operation.

The difficulty of writing standards for noise and groundwater / well impacts was discussed, but not resolved. There was also discussion of alternatives to loud backup alarms on trucks and equipment, including radar. Implementation costs and conformance with Federal safety rules were noted as unresolved issues.

Next meeting: May 9th Location: TBD