



COMMUNITY PLANNING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Mielke, David Madore, Edward Barnes

FROM: Gordy Euler, Acting Director

DATE: August 27, 2014

SUBJECT: Surface Mining Overlay; Work Session Memorialization

Commissioners present: Tom Mielke, David Madore, and Edward Barnes

Staff present: Mark McCauley, Axel Swanson, Marty Snell, Gordy Euler, Chris Cook, Jan Bazala

The purpose of the work session was to discuss with the Board proposed policies and development code related to updating the implementation of the surface mining overlay (SMO). Proposed language was presented at the work session.

Gordy reviewed what has transpired with regard to updating the SMO. The Planning Commission made its recommendations to the Board on December 5, 2013. The Board has since agreed to the areas that will be mapped with the surface mining overlay.

The remaining part of the project deals with comprehensive plan policies and development standards. The Planning Commission made recommendations for both, and asked that a section on monitoring and enforcement be developed for inclusion. It was these recommendations along with staff suggestions that were presented at the work session.

Commissioners asked the following questions:

- 1) how do we apply proposed requirements to existing operations?
- 2) what is the state responsible for with regard to mining operations?

Staff was directed to review the submittal from concerned citizens (presented at the work session) and to do a comparison between recommendations. Staff was also asked to work directly with key citizens and mining operators to integrate the specific changes possible for success. The goal is to refine the draft changes to best prepare our public hearing for known acceptable trade offs.

The Board requested another work session on this topic.