

Board of Minerals and Environment

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AGENDA

Board of Minerals and Environment
Matthew Environmental Education and Training Center
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota

January 19, 2017 10:00 a.m. CST

Note: Scheduled times are estimates only. Agenda items may be delayed due to prior scheduled items or items may be moved up on the agenda.

10:00 a.m. Call meeting to order and roll call

Approval of minutes from November 17, 2016, meeting

Mining issues: Consent Calendar – Tom Cline

Sand, gravel, and construction aggregate mining general information – Mike Erickson

Contested case hearing in the matter of the petition filed by DENR for forfeiture of Western Surety Company (CNA Surety) Bond No. 141551847 issued for State Mine License 88-364 for Weatherton Contracting Co., Inc. – Tom Cline

Contested case hearing in the matter of the petition filed by DENR for forfeiture of Certificate of Deposit Nos. 65314 and 85362, First National Bank, Pierre, SD, issued for State Mine License 93-507 for James P. Wenande Trucking – Tom Cline

Contested case hearing in the matter of the petition filed by DENR for forfeiture of Certificate of Deposit Nos. 3761 and 4403, First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche, SD, issued for State Mine License 86-339 for Dakota Sand and Gravel, Inc. – Tom Cline

10:15 a.m. Update on Powertech (USA), Inc. Application for Large Scale Mine Permit No. 480 (Dewey-Burdock Project) – Charles McGuigan

10:20 a.m. Contested enforcement hearing in the matter of Quartz Operations, LLC, Northern Points 1 Well; DENR Petition to revoke permit and petition to forfeit surety (O&G Permit No. 2026)

Next meeting

Adjourn

Board members are reminded that effective July 1, 2016, members are subject to SDCL 3-23-1 to 3-23-5 (Disclosure Laws) which address the disclosure of any conflicts of interest a member may have regarding contracts with the State of South Dakota. Board members should report any potential conflicts to the Board and seek a waiver where appropriate.

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Minutes of the Board of Minerals and Environment Telephone Conference Call Meeting

Matthew Environmental Education and Training Center 523 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota

November 17, 2016 10:00 a.m. CST

<u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u>: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Hagg. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

Chairman Hagg appointed Gregg Greenfield as secretary pro tem.

Chairman Hagg noted the reason the meeting was changed to a telephone conference call was that the contested cases scheduled to be heard were all continued to the January 19, 2017, meeting. The Quartz matter had previously been continued due to a scheduling conflict with one of the parties and the bond forfeiture cases were continued to January due to the inclement weather forecast.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING</u>: Rex Hagg, Glenn Blumhardt, Doyle Karpen, Bob Morris, Pete Bullene, Dennis Landguth, Gregg Greenfield, and Daryl Englund.

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Linda Hilde.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Townsend, Mike Cepak, Mike Erickson, Tom Cline, and Patty McQuay, DENR Minerals and Mining Program; Tom Patterson, attorney for Woodford Construction Company LLC.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2016, MEETING</u>: Motion by Blumhardt, seconded by Bullene, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2016, Board of Minerals and Environment meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

MINING ISSUES:

<u>Consent Calendar</u>: Prior to the meeting, the board received a table listing the department recommendations for release of surety, releases of liability and surety, transfers of liability, and releases of liability (see attachment).

Tom Cline requested adding to the consent calendar a transfer of reclamation liability from Weatherton Contracting Co., Inc. to Concrete Materials for Site No. 364047 in Yankton County. Concrete Materials has mined a large portion of the site and intends to take over the reclamation liability of the Weatherton site. Concrete Materials has a \$20,000 statewide surety.

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Mr. Morris noted that according to the consent calendar, Site No. 364047 had been listed for release of liability, so this action would be an amendment to the consent calendar.

Mr. Cline stated that the reclamation liability would be transferred to Concrete Materials and Weatherton Contracting would be released of their liability through the transfer.

Chairman Hagg asked Mr. Cline to address the correlation between this matter and the contested case hearing in the matter of forfeiture of Weatherton Contracting Bond No. 141551847, which was continued to the January meeting.

Mr. Cline stated that in order to prepare for the bond forfeiture hearing, staff inspected 25 of Weatherton's sites this year. Staff determined that since 2007, some sites had been reclaimed, some sites had been mined through, and some had naturally revegetated themselves. Those sites were eligible for release of liability. The sites that were not eligible for release of liability would be presented to the board for forfeiture.

Chairman Hagg stated that Weatherton Contracting would be removed from the consent calendar and the board would address Weatherton Contracting separately.

Motion by Morris, seconded by Englund, to accept the department recommendations for release of surety, releases of liability and surety, transfers of liability, and releases of liability as shown on the consent calendar, with the exception of Weatherton Contracting Co., Inc., Beresford, SD, License No. 88-364, Site No. 364047. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Responding to questions from the board, Mr. Cline stated that Weatherton has a \$20,000 statewide surety. At one time Weatherton had licensed 66 sites, and if the sites listed on the consent calendar were released, 27 of Weatherton's sites would still be active. Mr. Cline stated that the six sites listed on the consent calendar are eligible to be released under the standard procedure of being regraded, top soiled, and revegetated. He provided reclamation information on each of the six sites.

Mr. Morris stated that, regarding the releases of liability, it appeared that little or no effort had been made by Weatherton to reclaim the sites as required by law. Mr. Morris said it appeared instead, that Weatherton had become compliant with law by neglect and that over time revegetation had occurred naturally. He asked if the department was satisfied that the status of the property listed on the consent calendar was consistent with the requirements of the law.

Mr. Cline stated that the sites listed on the consent calendar were eligible for release of liability. The sites were regraded, revegetated, and were acceptable by the landowner and DENR standards.

Mr. Karpen stated that the requested change to the consent calendar was not listed on the meeting agenda; therefore, it does not comply with the open meetings law.

Motion by Morris, seconded by Greenfield, to remove Weatherton Site No. 364047 from the consent calendar, and add the transfer of liability request for this site to the January 19, 2017, meeting agenda. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Motion by Englund, seconded by Landguth, to release liability for Site Nos. 364011, 364022, 364034, 364050, and 364059, Weatherton Contracting Co., Inc., Beresford, SD, License No. 88-364. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2017, in Pierre.

Chairman Hagg noted that he received a thank-you note from the McCahren family for the flowers sent to Lee's funeral the Board of Minerals and Environment.

Statement of Tom Patterson, attorney for Woodford Construction:

"I am here, board members. I got the notice of the hearing for today. I got an email from Steve Blair saying that his view is that I can't participate in a forfeiture proceeding. I wanted to make it known of record that my interpretation of how it was left when I last met with the board and the board issued a ruling on the motion for summary judgement on behalf of Woodford Construction, was that we would continue to receive notice and, I believe, participate in further proceedings as it relates to the Quartz bond release. I understand that we have a difference of opinion on whether or not we can participate in the intervention. I came today for the purpose of seeing what proceedings occurred in respect to that, understanding of what evidence might be presented by any parties that were allowed to participate, and have it made known that I want to preserve the rights of Woodford Construction to make a claim and have a hearing before the board at some appropriate future time. Whether that's after the forfeiture proceeding is completed, I don't care, but I don't want it to appear that on behalf of Woodford Construction that we sat on our rights or didn't wish to continue to pursue our right to have the bond proceeds made available pursuant to a judgement that we've obtained against Quartz many months ago. That's the statement I have for today. I'll work with the staff here to determine when the Quartz hearing will occur and if the board has any questions of me as to the statements I've made today, I'd be glad to try and fill those in for you but that's where I think we are."

Chairman Hagg apologized to Mr. Patterson for not being notified that the hearing was continued. He stated that Mr. Patterson's appearance would be noted. Chairman Hagg said he was not prepared to sort out whether Mr. Patterson would get any air time at the contested case hearing, absent a request to intervene.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: Motion by Morris, seconded by Karpen, that the meeting be adjourned. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 19 th da	ay of January 2017.		
Secretary	Date	Witness	Date

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<u>License Holder</u>	<u>License</u> <u>No.</u>	Site No.	<u>Surety</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Surety</u> <u>No.</u>	Surety Company or Bank	DENR Recommendation
Release of Surety:						
Loretta D. & Elwin Larson Golden Valley, MN	98-655		\$2,500	5210002	Dacotah Bank, Clark	Release \$2,500.
Releases of Liability and	Surety:					
BankWest Inc. Pierre, SD	96-587		\$3,500	60448825	BankWest, Pierre	Release liability and \$3,500.
Fierre, 3D		587001	NW1/4 Section R40W, Jackson		& NE1/4 Section 36; T41N-	
Dakota Land Trust Dickinson, ND	14-966	966001	\$1,025 NW1/4 Section	5610557182 23; T40N-R44W	Wells Fargo, Dickinson, ND , Oglala Lakota County	Release liability and \$1,025.
Dan's Excavating Castlewood, SD	98-677	677001	\$1,500 SE1/4 NW1/4 S	1700041402 Section 1; T114N	First Premier Bank, Castlewood -R52W, Hamlin County	Release liability and \$1,500.

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Releases of Liability and	Surety:					
Mark or Marcia Lermeny Reva, SD	10-908		\$500	43150772	Pioneer Bank & Trust, Buffalo	Release liability and \$1,500.
			\$1,000	23163117	Pioneer Bank & Trust, Spearfish	
		908001	SE1/4 Section	4; T18N-R7E, Ha	rding County	
Transfers of Liability:						
TF Luke & Sons, Inc. Kimball, SD	83-11		\$20,000	929211763	Western Surety Company	Transfer liability.
		11068	E1/2 NE1/4 Se	ction 35; T104N-	R61W, Davison County	
Transfer to:						
Harvey Fouberg Letcher, SD	12-937		\$1,000	110029332	CorTrust Bank, Mitchell	
Webster Scale, Inc.	03-766		\$20,000	BDA 7900610694	AMCO Insurance Company	Transfer liability.
Webster, SD		766003	NW1/4 Section	7900610694 11; T123N-R53W	/, Day County	
Transfer to:				,		
R & L Wright Enterprises, Inc. Grenville, SD	15-987		\$1,500	5562422	Dacotah Bank, Webster	

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Releases of Liability:	<u>110.</u>		<u> </u>	1101		
TF Luke & Sons, Inc. Kimball, SD	83-11		\$20,000	929211763	Western Surety Company	Release liability.
		11069	SE1/4 Section 3	3; T104N-R60W,	Davison County	
Midland Contracting, Inc. Huron, SD	03-768		\$20,000	929292924	Western Surety	Release liability.
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Rogers Construction, Inc. Whitewood, SD	15-988	988004	\$20,000	55-212920	United Fire & Casualty Company 20E, Ziebach County	Release liability.
Wayne Swenson Watertown, SD	01-715	788004	\$500 \$500	26352 60033	Deuel County National Bank, Clear Lake Deuel County National Bank, Clear Lake	Release liability.
			\$500	60221	Deuel County National Bank, Clear Lake	
		715003	\$500 E1/2 SW1/4 Se	60467 ction 23; T118N	Deuel County National Bank, Clear Lake -R50W, Grant County	

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Releases of Liability:						
Weatherton Contracting Co, Inc. Beresford, SD	88-364		\$20,000	141551847	Western Surety Company	Release liability.
		364011	NE1/4 Section	11; T126N-R71V	V, McPherson County	
		364022	SE1/4 Section	34; T121N-R73W	V, Edmunds County	
		364034	NW1/4 Section	16; T105N-R69	W, Brule County	
		364047	E1/2 NW1/4 & County	NE1/4 Section 1	2; T94N-R56W, Yankton	
		364050		W1/4 Section 14	; T116N-R52W, Codington	
		364059	County N1/2 SW1/4 Se	ection 9; T103N-	R58W, Hanson County	
Webster Scale Inc. Webster, SD	03-766		\$20,000	BDA 7900610694	AMCO Insurance Company	Release liability.
		766004	SW1/4 NE1/4 S	Section 22; T122	N-R56W, Day County	
Clark County Highway Department Clark, SD	83-150		EXEMPT	NA	NA	Release liability.
		150012	S1/2 Section 3	1; T117N-R57W,	Clark County	

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Releases of Liability:	<u>No.</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>No.</u>		
Kranzburg Township Watertown, SD	10-898		EXEMPT	NA	NA	Release liability.
watertown, 3D		898001	NE1/4 Section 3	80; T116N-R5	1W, Codington County	
Spink County Highway Department Redfield, SD	83-115		EXEMPT	NA	NA	Release liability.
Redicid, 3B		115017	SE1/4 Section 2	9; T115N-R6!	5W, Spink County	
Ziebach County Highway Department Dupree, SD	83-246		EXEMPT	NA	NA	Release liability.
Dupice, 3D		246004	NE1/4 Section 2	25; T15N-R19	E, Ziebach County	
		246021			-R20E, Ziebach County	

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Release of Surety:						
Mike or Norma Beeson Dante, SD	96-571		\$7,000	48922	Commercial State Bank, Wagner	Release \$7,000.
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Russell Olson Murdo, SD	92-469		\$3,000	ILOC No. 2008-01	Dakota Prairie Bank, Draper	Release \$3,000.
Release of Liability and S	urety:					
Wheeler Farms Inc. Brookings, SD	95-567		\$6,000	1103514	Boston Indemnity Company	Release liability and \$6,000.
J. T.		567001	N1/2 NE1/4 S	ection 12; T110N-	R49W, Brookings County	
Transfer of Liability and I	Release of S	Suretv:				
North American Mining Co.	11-930		\$1,000	7201000908	First Interstate Bank, Custer	Transfer liability and
Custer, SD	11-750		\$1,000	7201000700	First Interstate Bank, Custer	release \$2,000.
		930001	SW1/4 Sectio	n 7; T5S-R5E, Cus	ter County	
Transfer to:						
Pacer Corporation Custer, SD	88-370		\$20,000	SUR20000678	Iron Shore Indemnity Inc.	

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06-835		\$20,000	929529702	National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford	Transfer liability.
	835003				
83-35		\$20,000	RC-0015	Sun Surety Insurance Company	
83-54	54121	\$20,000 NW1/4 Section	190-002-030 n 13; T126N-R71\	Liberty Mutual Insurance Company W, McPherson County	Transfer liability.
	54134	NE1/4 Section	11; T126N-R71W	V, McPherson County	
83-35		\$20,000	RC-0015	Sun Surety Insurance Company	
	No. 06-835 83-35	No. 06-835 835003 83-35 83-54 54121 54134	No. Amount 06-835 \$20,000 835003 \$W1/4 Section T126N-R71W, 83-35 \$20,000 83-54 \$20,000 54121 NW1/4 Section NE1/4 Section 54134 NE1/4 Section	No. Amount No. 06-835 \$20,000 929529702 835003 \$W1/4 Section 12, NW1/4 Sect T126N-R71W, McPherson Count 83-35 \$20,000 RC-0015 83-54 \$20,000 190-002-030 54121 NW1/4 Section 13; T126N-R71W 54134 NE1/4 Section 11; T126N-R71W	No. Amount No. 06-835 \$20,000 929529702 National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford Switch 12, NW1/4 Section 13, & NE1/4 Section 14; T126N-R71W, McPherson County 83-35 \$20,000 RC-0015 Sun Surety Insurance Company 83-54 \$20,000 190-002-030 Liberty Mutual Insurance Company 54121 NW1/4 Section 13; T126N-R71W, McPherson County 54134 NE1/4 Section 11; T126N-R71W, McPherson County 83-35 \$20,000 RC-0015 Sun Surety Insurance

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Transfer of Liability:	<u>140.</u>		Miloune	140.		
Jensen Rock & Sand Inc. Mobridge, SD	83-112		\$20,000	41-16-48	New Hampshire Insurance Company	Transfer liability.
		112040	NW1/4 Section	13; T126N-R71W	, McPherson County	
Transfer to:						
Oban Construction LLC Ipswich, SD	83-35		\$20,000	RC-0015	Sun Surety Insurance Company	
McPherson County Highway Department County Leola, SD	83-41	41029	EXEMPT NW1/4 Section	NA n 13; T126N-R71W	NA , McPherson County	Transfer liability.
Transfer to:						
Oban Construction LLC Ipswich, SD	83-35		\$20,000	RC-0015	Sun Surety Insurance Company	

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Transfer of Liability:	<u>IVO.</u>		Amount	<u> 140.</u>		
Morris Inc. Pierre, SD	83-2		\$20,000	037 S 103597878	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America	Transfer liability.
		2043	NW1/4 Section	n 33; T120N-R74V	V, Potter County	
Transfer to:						
Potter County Highway Department Gettysburg, SD	83-147		EXEMPT	NA	NA	
Weatherton Contracting Co., Inc. Beresford, SD	88-364		\$20,000	141551847	Western Surety Company	Transfer liability.
		364047	E1/2 NW1/4 8 County	NE1/4 Section 12	2; T94N-R56W, Yankton	
Transfer to:						
Concrete Materials Sioux Falls, SD	83-144		\$20,000	55-194372	United Fire & Casualty Company	
Release of Liability:						
Mike Ford	98-639		\$-0-	NA	NA	Release liability.
Redfield, SD		639003	NE1/4 Section	29; T115N-R65W	, Spink County	

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Release of Liability:						
Herrick Services Roslyn, SD	98-641		\$-0-	NA	NA	Release liability.
noogn ₁ oz		641002	NE1/4 Section	1; T123N-R53W	, Day County	
Weatherton Contracting Co., Inc. Beresford, SD	88-364		\$20,000	141551847	Western Surety Company	Release liability.
beresiola, 3b		364049	NW1/4 Section	n 26; T4S-R7E, C	uster County	

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Contested Cases – Surety Forfeitures

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Surety Forfeitures:						
James P. Wenande Trucking Alexandria, SD	93-507		\$500 \$500	65314 85362	First National Bank, Pierre	Declare CD Nos. 65314 and 85362, First National Bank, Pierre, forfeited and transfer \$1,000 to the Mined Land Reclamation Fund.
		507001	SE1/4 Section	17; T102N-R58	W, Hanson County	
Dakota Sand & Gravel, Inc. Belle Fourche, SD	86-339		\$500 \$500	3761 4403	First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche	Declare CD Nos. 3761 and 4403, First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche, forfeited and transfer \$1,000 to the Mined Land Reclamation
		339003	E1/2 NW1/4 Se	ection 9; T8N-R	5E, Butte County	Fund.

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Surety Forfeitures:						
Weatherton Contracting Co., Inc. Beresford, SD	88-364		\$20,000	141551847	Western Surety Company	Declare Surety No. 141551847, Western Surety Company, forfeited and transfer \$20,000 to the Mined Land Reclamation Fund.
		364001	Sections 19 &	20; T101N-R69V		
		364002	Sections 10 &	11; T99N-R79W,		
		364003	NE1/4 NE1/4 S	Section 5; T97N-l		
		364004	W1/2 Section 2	2; T94N-R58W, E		
		364007	SW1/4 Section	W, Kingsbury County		
		364015	N1/2 NE1/4 & Pennington Co		ection 28; T1S-R11E,	
	364016	364016		20; T120N-R74V		
		364018	NE1/4 Section	3; T124N-R75W		
	364020		NE1/4 Section	29; T120N-R74V		
		364026	NW1/4 Section	า 5 & NE1/4 Sect		
		364027	Section 27; T1			
		364029	NE1/4 Section	23; T2S-R12E, F	Pennington County	

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Surety Forfeitures:								
Weatherton (continued)	88-364	364030	N1/2 Section 26 & SW1/4 Section 23; T118N-R67W, Faulk County					
		364031	NW1/4 Section 20; T108N-R68W, Buffalo County					
		364035	NW1/4 Section Section 11; T8I					
		364036	Section 12; T6N-R8E, Meade County					
	364039		SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 17 & NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 20; T114N-R50W, Deuel County					
		364041	·	,	W, Beadle County			
	364044 364048	364042	NW1/4 Section	29; T100N-R7				
		364044	SW1/4 Section	6; T35N-R41W				
		364048	Section 3; T108	BN-R63W, Jerai				
		364056	NE1/4 Section Gregory County	•				
		364063	Section 18; T4	<i>!</i>	County			
		364064	SE1/4 Section 2	24; T96N-R69W	V, Gregory County			
		364065	SW1/4 SW1/4					
		364066	NW1/4 Section	26; T122N-R5				