

RESOLUTION

Moratorium on permitting of industrial sand activities in Trempealeau County

WHEREAS since 2010 a new kind of land use has begun in the county with the advent of Industrial sand mining, and

WHEREAS during the public hearing process many citizens expressed concern over the effects to air quality, water quality, quality of life, and to the ability of the county to maintain stable communities as more industrial sand mines and their processing and transportation systems are put in place, and

WHEREAS the mission of the Trempealeau County Health Department and Board of Health is to promote and improve the quality of life and health of all people in Trempealeau County through community assessment and surveillance, disaster planning and disease prevention and health promotion, in the areas of nursing, environmental health, and nutrition, and

WHEREAS the Board of Health feels it is its responsibility to consider and study the long-term effects of all of Trempealeau County's resident's exposure to higher levels of diesel fumes, fugitive silica dust, and the impact on water quality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there be a moratorium for up to twelve (12) months, or until the appointed committee completes its final report, whichever is earlier, that prohibits the expansion of any non-metallic mining operation beyond its physical dimensions as identified in the reclamation plan on file as of the date of adoption of this resolution and further prohibits the creation of any new non-metallic mining operation during the pendency of the moratorium. The moratorium applies to all such applications for conditional use permits for non-metallic mining operations that are not filed with the Department of Land Management and deemed complete by the zoning administrator as of August 30, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee appointed by the Trempealeau County Board Chairperson be created with the responsibility to collect and analyze information and make a recommendation on whether aspects of sand mining adversely affect the public health and safety due to the effects on: water quality (including ground and surface water), light pollution, sound pollution, ambient air quality, radon release, radioactivity, and the ability to maintain stable communities; and to report back to the Trempealeau County Board of Health its findings and recommendations, as well as recommend to the Environment and Land Use Committee and the County Board possible changes to the county's ordinances, staffing, and approach to industrial sand mining in Trempealeau County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be made up of no less than eleven (11) members; that of these members, at least four (4) will be from the Board of Health, as well as three (3) citizen medical health professionals from within Trempealeau

County, the Trempealeau County Public Health Director, and three (3) citizen members; that it meets no less than 6 times; and that its budget be determined by the Board of Health, including any possible studies if any be determined necessary by the committee or Board of Health, with approval by the County Board.

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin this 19th day of August, 2013

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