

FRAC SAND MINING IN WI TOWNS - A ONE DAY CONFERENCE

Thursday, January 12, 2012 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Co-Sponsors: Wisconsin Farmers Union and Wisconsin Towns Association

The Plaza Hotel & Suites, 1202 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, WI (US 12 & Hwy 37)

CONFERENCE GOALS:

- Provide an overview of the industry and frac sand mining in WI
- Provide training on a set of tools (“Toolbox”) for Towns
- Encourage networking and connections among local officials and citizens

AGENDA

8:00 COFFEE AND ROLLS, SIGN - IN

8:30 CONVENE and WELCOME
HOW THIS CONFERENCE CAME ABOUT AND CONFERENCE GOALS

Tom Quinn, Executive Director, WI Farmers Union

Richard Stadelman, Executive Director, WI Towns Association

REVIEW OF THE DAY – AGENDA AND MATERIALS

Becky Glass, Town of Prairie Farm Citizen, Conference Program Coordinator

8:45 – 12:00 TOOLBOX for TOWNS (15 MIN BREAK AT 10:15)

Panelists:

Ron Koshoshek, Town of Howard. Professor Emeritus, UW Eau Claire

Scott McCurdy, Menomonie, P.G, Cedar Corporation

Paul Kent, Madison, Senior Partner, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP

Tom Harnisch, Neillsville, Attorney at Law, Harnisch Law Office

Moderator: **Ron Koshoshek**

○ TOOLBOX TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Overview of the Industry
- Duties of Town Governments
- Geology and other factors; where to expect mining
- Differences between Frac Sand Mining and Sand and Gravel Mining
- Town powers
- Zoning
- Moratorium
- Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance
- Developers Agreement
- Mistakes Towns Should Not Make: Open Meetings; Conflict of Interest

12:00 – 12:45 LUNCH

12:45-1:15 TOOLBOX FOR TOWNS – CONTINUED

1:15 THE STATE’S ROLE: DNR

Thomas Woletz, Senior Manager, Special Projects Coordinator, Water Division,
WI DNR; and DNR Point Person for Frac Sand

Moderator: **Becky Glass**

- The permitting process: What permits are required? When?
- DNR’s regulatory authority? (Water quality/quantity? Air quality?)
- What tools does DNR have? (Monitoring? Standards? Enforcement?)

1:50 TAXATION AND LAND VALUES

Al Romportl, Supervisor of Equalization, Wausau District Office; and
Kelly Coulson, Supervisor, Eau Claire Office, Manufacturing and Utility Bureau

Moderator: **Richard Stadelman**

- Valuation of Operating Mines- State DOR
- Valuation of adjacent properties – Local Assessor
- Ag vs non-Ag Valuation – Local Assessor

2:25 *BREAK*

2:40 WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THE ROADS?

Bruce Stelzner, Chippewa County Highway Commissioner and President,
Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA)

Moderator: **Becky Glass**

3:20 WRAP UP

Tom Quinn and **Richard Stadelman**

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