

Mineral Resources Commission
Meeting of 31 January 1980

Pat Farrell, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, convened the first meeting of the Marquette County Mineral Resources Commission in Room 231 of the Courthouse Annex at 7:10 p.m., 31 January 1980. The individuals appointed to the Commission were Burton Boyum (representing mining), Paul Gravedoni (labor), Steve Carlson (planning), William Robinson (ecology), and Phillip May (economics). All members attended.

Mr. Farrell provided Commissioners with a statement of the charge to the Commission, plus a summary of the 1980 Marquette County Comprehensive Plan. He reviewed the charge to the Commission and called for nomination of officers. Steve Carlson was nominated as Chairman and Phillip May was nominated as Vice Chairman/Secretary. There were no additional nominations. Mr. Farrell turned the meeting over to Chairman Carlson, expressed his confidence in the Commission, his wishes for a successful effort, and left the meeting.

Mr. Carlson assumed the chair and opened the meeting to an informal discussion of Commission procedures, goals, and interests.

Mr. Carlson stated that as a first step, the Commission should begin to gather information on mineral resources of Marquette County and on laws, existing and pending, which pertain to mineral resources.

A brief discussion of what was to be included under "mineral resources" followed.

Mr. May mentioned that the definition of "mineral resources" should be as presented in the County Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Boyum stated the Commission should study mineral resources; past, present, and future, and the impact on the County. He also suggested that although he was initially named to the Commission as a representative of mining, this category should be changed to the broader category of industry. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Gravedoni added their support. There was no disagreement.

Mr. Boyum commented at length on the Wetlands Bill, the Monsma Land Inventory Bill, and House Bills 4702 and 4703 having to do with surveillance fees assessed on firms emitting air and/or water discharges.

Discussion followed on the possibilities of drawing on expertise of individuals knowledgeable of mineral resources but not on the Commission.

Mr. Carlson stated that he would initiate steps to collect the facts on the County's mineral resources and legislation pertaining to these resources.

Having no other business immediately at hand, the Commission agreed upon a meeting time and date of 7:00 p.m., on the second Wednesday of each month, starting with the next meeting to be held on 12 March 1980.

It was moved by Mr. Gravedoni and seconded by Mr. Boyum that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Phillip May, Secretary

February 5, 1980

Marquette County Board
of Commissioners
J. Patrick Farrell, Chairman
Marquette County Courthouse
Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Mr. Farrell:

The Mineral Resources Commission met for the first time on Wednesday, January 31, 1980. All members were present. I, Steven A. Carlson, was elected Chairman and Phillip A. May was elected Vice Chairman/Secretary. We will be meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, starting in March: March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10, 1980.

We will be spending the first two or three months trying to clarify what we are about and generating a data base. In conjunction with this objective, we would request a list of all legislation pertinent to the mining industry. In addition, I will be talking with you and with the Planning Commission regarding any other base data which may be in the County's files.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Carlson / J.A.
Steven A. Carlson
Chairman

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