

**MEETING OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MINING COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 18, 2023  
512 N. SALISBURY ST  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

Chairman Travis Morehead, in the City of Raleigh, NC on October 18, 2023, called a meeting of the North Carolina Mining Commission to order at 1:00 P.M. The following persons were in attendance in person or via webinar for all or part of the meeting, with the following Commission members being present for the entire meeting:

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PPRESENT**

Dr. Kenneth Taylor

**REMOTE COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Mr. Travis Morehead (Chair)

Mr. Samuel Bratton

Mr. Jason Conner

Mr. Brian North

Mr. Corey Viers

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

Ms. Elizabeth Young

**DEMLR STAFF MEMBERS**

Mr. Adam Parr, Assistant State Mining Engineer, DEMLR

Mr. Josh Kastrinsky, Public Information Officer, DEMLR

Ms. Brenda Harris, Administrative Assistant, DEMLR

**IN PERSON ATTENDEES**

Mr. Jay Stem, NC Aggregates Association

Ms. Natalie Lew

**REMOTE ATTENDEES**

Mr. Josh Wilson

Grady McCallie

Malissa Gordon

Michelle Carter

Aaron Mintzes

Chairman Morehead read the conflict-of-interest statement. There was no conflict-of-interest among the Commission Members.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2022**

Minutes for the October 18th meeting were approved. Motion to accept minutes made by Mr. Bratton and seconded by Mr. Jason Conner. Roll call vote to approve.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. 05C Rules Update. Joint letter from the Mining Commission and Oil and Gas Commission, requesting the 05C rules move to the Oil and Gas Commission has been sent to Rules Review Commission (RRC). The next RRC meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023, and will have the letter to review.
- B. Stakeholder update – Staff to provide the Commission with an update on the Stakeholder process. The members Stakeholder group has been contacted and requested to participate. There were two members that had not responded yet. Barnhill was going to propose an alternative to site on the Stakeholder group. The other member that we were still waiting on contact was one of the environmental spots. The intent is to have first meeting sometime in November.

No questions or comments

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Update to Mining Rules Designation reports. . There were three public comments that were not on the rules report that were previously voted upon. Ms. Young explained that the Commission needs to vote on the updated designation reports and response to public comments.

No comments from the Commission.

The Commission voted to Accept recommendations from staff. Commissioner Brian North made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Sam Bratton seconded. Roll call vote followed to accept.

### **CONCLUSION**

*No comments from commission members*

*No comments from counsel*

*No comments from chair*

*Comments from the Public*

*Ms. Natilie Lew commented that there should be a future rule put in place that limits where mines can go when it comes to public land. Mine should not be on public land or there should be vote by the public before a permit is issued for a mine on public land. The concern is that Wake Stone Corp Triangle Quarry is on public land.*

*Ms. Lew also commented on the Conflict of interest statement that the Commission addresses at the opening of each meeting. The Wake Stone Triangle Quarry original permit was denied, but the Commission at the time overturned the denial and approved the permit. That past Commission had someone from Wake stone sitting as a member, which seems like a conflict of interest.*

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The Committee adjourned at 1:14 pm