



TO: Red Wing Advisory Planning Commission Members  
Red Wing Sustainability Commission

FROM: Brian C. Peterson AICP, Planning Director;

RE: Notes from Joint Workshop Session Re: Silica Sand Mining  
Study 5-30-12

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**Notes:**

1. Reviewed the status of the Red Wing Port Authority discussion to allow Silica/Frac sand to be transferred over the Little River Bulkhead. The City Council discussed the matter at their May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and directed staff to draft an amendment to the Moratorium Ordinance that would cover other elements of the sand process to include transfer, storage, and processing of the material. This will be considered at the June 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. It is also understood that the Port Authority has made a request from Xcel Energy to allow Silica/Frac sand to be transferred at the Little River Bulkhead facility and that a decision is expected by Xcel Energy sometime in the next few weeks.
2. Reviewed the initial draft of the moratorium report, below are various comments:
  - Commissions were generally ok with the background section
  - Suggested that a glossary of terms be added
  - P5, describe the blasting process in more detail
  - P7, reclamation does not mean restoration
  - Ken Moon made several suggestions regarding the format for Section 2 so that it is clearer what the impacts are vs. the mitigation techniques
  - Discussion about the need to have dialogue with Goodhue County about roads and Prairie Island about land uses
  - Questions about controlling Trunk Highway system
  - Can we require EAW on all projects?
  - Need to separate out mining, processing, transportation, storage, transfer land uses
  - Erik Fridell handed out a draft of the special provision section that he has been working on.
  - Discussed the idea of requiring a baseline report completed by a third party consultant
3. The next Joint Workshop meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2012 at 7 PM in the City Council Chambers.