

OPENCUT STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

JANUARY 15, 2020

The meeting started at 3:30 pm by Ed Coleman.

In attendance: Lonnie Anderson – United Materials of GTF, Arlick Hale – Knife River, Brandon Arntson – Century Companies Inc, Ed Coleman – DEQ, JJ Conner – DEQ, Bill Crandell – Modern Machinery, Ken Crouse – Century Companies Inc, Pat Drynan – Helena Sand and Gravel, Cale Fisher – Riverside Contracting, Stephen Frazee – Water & Environmental Tech, Dave Glueckert – Western Excavating, Aaron Golik – Century Companies Inc, Ray Halsey – FirstMark Materials, Cody Heppner – Western Excavating, Abby Indreland – WGM Group Inc, Michael Ivanoff – MT Department of Transportation, Bjorn Johnson – Bjorn Johnson Construction, Rob Koelzer – Schellinger Construction, Anthony Laslovich – Water and Environmental Technologies, Bill Lloyd – Great West Engineering, Andy Mathison – Casino Creek, Nathan Mulmin – Schellinger Construction Co Inc, Mike Newton – Fisher Sand and Gravel, Jake North – Schellinger Construction Co Inc, Keith Ouzts – MCA, Ron Pike – Sime Construction/TMC Inc, David Resch – Knife River, Al Schellinger – Schellinger Construction Co Inc, Kyle Schellinger – Schellinger Construction Co Inc, Timothy Secord – Schellinger Construction Co Inc, Jennifer Skartveit – DEQ, Joe Smith – Knife River, Michael Smith – WGM Group Inc, Ken Stoeber – TMC Inc, Frank Tabish – LHC Inc, Steve Wade – MCA,

Via Telephone: Brian Nickel – Knife River, Melody Smith – American Colloid Company, Joe Sylvester – WYO-BEN

Introduction of Participants: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Senate Bill 343 – New/Updated Forms or Concerns – Ed reviewed and asked for questions and/or comments on the following forms.

- **Updated Plan of Operations and Application**
- **Phase II Release Request**
- **Limited Borrow Operation**
- **Updated Landowner Form**

Revenue Generated from Application Fees – \$29,000 received in application fees at this time.

Opencut's Web Mapping Application (WMA) – Public Facing – JJ provided a demonstration of the new WMA for Operators to use.

Annual Production Report Update– Jennifer Skartveit reported that Annual Production Reports will be mailed out the first week in February.

Electronic Fee Payment – Jennifer Skartveit reported this is going well. Please follow the instructions online when submitting payment, this will help us match the payment to the correct application. Please DO NOT pay your APR Fees electronically.

Staffing and Workload – Ed Coleman reported that we should be advertising for an additional Scientist by the end of next week.

Bond Release Requests Processed and Pending Bond Releases – Stakeholders were given the printout of current Release Requests.

Processing Applications with Expired Reclamation Dates – Ed Coleman reviewed the process for sites with Expired Reclamation Dates.

Upcoming Opencut Enhancements

- **Postmining Land Use Reclamation Only Form – Coming Soon** – Ed Coleman reported this is now waiting on Legal.
- **1040 EZ Opencut Application – As Requested by House Natural Resources** - Ed Coleman reported we are most likely out a year. Cale started a conversation asking if we could redefine “rural.”
- **Fee Rules on Administrative Actions** – Ed Coleman reported these have not yet been started, but will be coming soon.

Next meeting date and location – Ed Coleman reported that the next meeting will be in Helena in May. More details to follow.