

TOWN OF DOVRE PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Proposed 2 year Moratorium Regarding the issuance of Nonmetallic Licenses and Nonmetallic Operations Agreements in the Town of Dovre.

The Town of Dovre Public Hearing convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at the Dovre Town Hall, located at 304 25 ½ Street. Approximately Sixty (60+) Town of Dovre Residents, Land Owners and Guests and Representatives from Sand Companies were present. Names of persons present at the meeting are on file with the Town of Dovre Clerk/Treasurer

Chairman, Dean Trowbridge called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Supervisors Present – Tim Nelson – Dan North - Jim Plummer – Mitch Hanson - Chairman Dean Trowbridge – Present. Also Present, Clerk/Treasurer – Linda K. Reinolt - Consultant – Greg LaFond and Attorney Dan Gustafson.

Chairman Trowbridge read aloud the Revised Proposed Moratorium that changed the length of time for the Moratorium to either 12 Months or 6 Months. Chairman Trowbridge then opened the Public Hearing to those present, stating – Speakers area limited to 3 Minutes per person. Residents, Land Owners (non-residents) and Non-metallic Mining Interests – limited to 1 representative per company.

Fifteen Residents and Land Owners addressed the Proposed Moratorium. Questions and Concerns: When did the length of time for the Moratorium Change? Board made that decision and have the authority to do so. Time can be adjusted to a reasonable length considering how long it will take to accomplish the work that needs to be done. Concerns: The amount of Truck Traffic; People's voices have not been really heard since mining, etc started. Need to slow down and look at what is happening; Trucks on the roads keep other traffic from driving too fast; Zoning Meeting a few years ago – Zoning was voted down; Cost of Studies that will be done – property taxes will go up and concern with health and safety; The large amount of sand mining, etc going on – noise from processes and trucks, etc and there will be more in the future; Communities do not stay the same – things change and the community moves on. Have accepted and gotten used to the changes; Moratorium will not stop sand mining from coming in; Concern with wastewater from mines and continued damage to streams, lakes and marsh, etc. Other communities have Moratoriums, use those as a guide; The enjoyment of country life has changed; Sand Companies concerned the Moratorium would keep them from moving forward. Stated there was not proper Notice for this Public Hearing. Statute – post 30 days prior to meeting. (Attorney -Do not believe this statutory reference relates to Town Enacting Moratorium.) Discussion with the Sand Companies continued. Town just received information that Chieftain has 13 more properties they will be mining. They want to be carved out of Moratorium; Attorney Gustafson – This Moratorium will not have an impact on Chieftain, GNSand, Sioux Creek Silica Sand and Northern Industrial Sand or Northern Rail & Transload. It will not limit their expansions. It exempts those currently in the Town of Dovre and the 2 Companies the Town Board has been negotiating with. Companies want some specific language changed to be specific in the Moratorium. Discussion continued. Stated by a Guest at the meeting: He has great respect for Attorney Thiel and Attorney Gustafson and the work they do,

The Town Board directed Attorney Gustafson to draft a 12 month moratorium with language to exempt the Companies currently operating in the Town of Dovre and Companies the Board is currently negotiating with.

Chairman Trowbridge thanked all those in attendance and Closed the Public Hearing.

Linda K. Reinolt, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Dovre, Barron Co.