

From: Greg webster [<mailto:gregster102@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:03 AM

To: Cupp, Mark E - LWR

Subject: RE: Bridgeport proposed Frac-sand mining

Mark

I just wanted to share the response of Bridgeport's zoning committee on the frac-sand issue. Our zoning committee has approved the conditional use permit for Pattison Mine. They had every opportunity to put in place some stipulations and rules that would safeguard our township against any wrong doings by Pattison or any other frac-sand mine company to come. Keep in mind that many of us that seem to be against the mine are only against bringing this mine to our community if it is going to hurt even one resident. With that said, the only stipulation that our zoning commission put in place was for landscaping. They feel that it won't hurt or hinder Bridgeport residents or the Fishler family way of life, how they enjoy their property or that it won't "substantially" diminish the value of their property. The Fishler family property is located directly across from the driveway of the proposed mine site driveway. We only have one last chance for our elected officials to do what is right and wanted by the residents of Bridgeport and I don't have any reason to believe they will do what is right. I hope you and your committee protect your area unlike our elected officials and the officials that have been appointed by our elected officials have done for the township of Bridgeport. I have just finished reviewing every town board meeting that Bridgeport has held on this issue and the results are that a landslide of residents have publicly voiced their disapproval of this proposed mine and only a handful voiced their approval. Some even burying their heads in the sand and saying that whatever the board decides is good enough for me.

Make your decisions based on what your people want, not what you or the committee think is best for your people. We are all adults and know what we don't want in our lungs, back yards and our community. Vote for the people, not outsiders.

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From: mfishler@centurytel.net
Date: 3/13/2013 1:04:40 PM
To: [Linda Smrcina](#)
Cc: mfishler@centurytel.net
Subject: Farmers Sand Frac nightmare story

Bridgeport Township Clerk- Linda.. Please share this link with the Board members as well as with planning commission for review. Thank you Mark. F
http://www.salon.com/2012/05/21/farmers_sand_frac_nightmare/

From: L Meadowcroft [<mailto:violinda4236@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 1:11 PM
To: Cupp, Mark E - LWR
Subject: frac sand

Dear LWSR Board members:

Deny the permit to Pattison Sand Co.

Noise from bulldozers, blasting, and trucks (24/7) will be present all the time and audible at that part of the riverway. Lights will be on 24/7. Residents are extremely concerned about continual truck traffic and the drop in property values and inability to find buyers who want a mine in their backyard.

Health problems related to silica particulates is a real danger. Boating and fishing in the Wyalusing St. Pk. area will be affected.

- Mining operations should be strictly prohibited.

- The Lower Wisconsin River and Hwy 60 is the state's scenic part of the riverway and must be preserved.
- why hasn't the Board and Planning Commission ordered funding and proceeded with any independent studies related to the health and welfare of Bridgeport citizens and visitors. Not doing so is a clear breach of the Board and Planning's duties and obligations to protect the health of the people of the Township.
- Pattison Sand Co. has stated that only 1/3 of the employees from mining operations will be from Wisconsin. It's outrageous that the mining company, 4 landowners, and all of 10 hire-ees from Wisconsin stand to benefit at significant cost to other residents, home and landowners.
- The board has a fiduciary duty to the locality and the people of Wisconsin to deny the permits.
- The board will be judged harshly by the people of Wisconsin and state history if mining is allowed.

From: Greg webster [<mailto:gregster102@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2013 8:44 AM

To: Cupp, Mark E - LWR; mfishler@centurytel.net

Subject: Bridgeport proposed Frac-sand mining

Mark

I would like to express my concerns with the proposed frac-sand mining site/sites in the Bridgeport township area.

It is my belief as well as many of my neighbors that not only is our way of life being put at risk, but the value of our property, beauty of our area and our **FAMILIES HEALTH** as well. I feel this is being done without taking ample time to really investigate not only short term, but long term problems that may and **WILL** occur. Speaking for myself, I am not necessarily against possible mining if it is done properly and is proven not to cause harm to our health, animals (wild or domestic), nature, or our property.

Please bring these issues to the table for us Mark and make any decisions based on what your fellow neighbors and constituents wish.

Thank you for your time.

From: mfishler@centurytel.net [<mailto:mfishler@centurytel.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 5:03 PM

To: Cupp, Mark E - LWR; Cupp, Mark E - LWR

Cc: mfishler@centurytel.net

Subject: Fw: Letter

Mark Cupp I request that you share this with your entire board members on Bridgeports Sand mine affects. This is the homeowners statement of the loss of the sale on there home. Keep up the fight and we are backing you all in Bridgeport and the surrounding area. Also i got word just today of a township meeting thats happening tomorrow night and it's for you FYI. We find out at the last minute so it makes it hard for us to make people aware of meeting, but we are do just that calling house to house and expect a packed house. Mark

-----Original Message-----

Subject: Letter

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned with the proposed frac sand mine going in near us in the Wisconsin river valley. We have been trying to sell our house on Old Hwy 60 and had someone very interested in it. That was until they found out about the proposed mine and then they changed their mind. If we ever find anyone that does want it I am sure we will have to drop our price a lot! I am afraid what it would do to everyone's property values that live near it. It just doesn't seem right that the DNR can tell people that they have to stick to certain colors to paint their homes, or can't build anything that can be seen by the river traffic, **and yet can allow mining** for sand so close to the river!!

Please do whatever it takes to stop **the proposed frac sand mine in Bridgeport Township** from happening!

I give my permission to Mark Fishler to share this letter with the public and the press.

Thanks,

Jean Bula,

From: Greg webster [<mailto:gregster102@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 9:47 AM

To: Cupp, Mark E - LWR

Subject: Say No to Frac Sand Mining

I want to let you know that my family and myself are **"AGAINST"** Pattison Sand or any other mining company coming into the River area to mine frac sand.

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From: Dave Weier [<mailto:daveweier@charter.net>]

Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2013 9:34 AM

To: Buck Trawicky; Frank Shadewald; Gary Maier; Linda Meadowcroft; Cupp, Mark E - LWR; Todd J. Rongstad; Tom Solberg

Subject: Lecture on Frac Sand Mining

Hi Guys: On WPT this morning I watched an interesting lecture on Frac Sand mining. Here's the link: <http://video.wpt2.org/video/2195997443>

Enjoy,

***Dave Weier

From: JIM [<mailto:jmwalz@centurylink.net>]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 9:00 AM
To: Cupp, Mark E - LWR
Subject: Bridgeport sand mine

As third generation residents of Prairie du Chien and 5th generations of Wisconsin we urge you to deny the Pattison Sand Mine application. We are certainly not against jobs (our 51 yr. old son has been unemployed for four years and desperately looking for work) but we believe that the environment along the Wis. River is of utmost importance. We also believe that the fracking process will be short-lived and then what is left? A big mess along the river. You cannot "replace" a bluff. Thank you. Jim and Margaret Walz, Christopher Walz

From: Chris Neises [<mailto:crneises@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 1:14 AM
To: Cupp, Mark E - LWR
Subject: frac mining

Dear Mark,

Please deny the permits for frac sand mining. I have been around this sand and the dust is very dangerous. Once it is in the lungs, it doesn't come out.

Thanks!

Chris Neises
Pra du Chien, WI

From: Mike Mossman [<mailto:mikemossman@wildblue.net>]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2013 10:37 AM
To: Cupp, Mark E - LWR
Cc: Bridgeport.one@gmail.com
Subject: LWSR Board: proposed sand mine

Dear Riverway Board,

We have followed the issue closely, regarding the frac sand mine proposed by the Pattison Sand Company below Wauzeka within the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway. We are strongly opposed to the mine, regardless of whether it can actually be seen from the river. Its effects are much greater than the potential visual impact.

As a family and individually, we have spent countless hours on and along the river over the past 45 years, since Mike's father introduced him to canoe camping here. Annually we canoe and camp along its entire length. We have studied its wildlife for decades and rely on the river for many things, including solitude and the rare opportunity to spend days at a time exploring, maintaining our natural, human connection with Nature, and learning its lessons about the world. This includes fishing, birdwatching, camping, swimming, nature study, spending time and money in the river communities, relaxing, and introducing this unique and fantastic river to others. It is essential to us.

Among our favorite places to camp and explore is along the stretch of river along and just above the proposed mine, in the Millville Bottoms area—one of the wildest sections and most ecologically important tracts of floodplain and upland forest on the Riverway. It is hard to imagine camping there, with the frac mine running—disrupting the quiet and natural sounds of wildlife and the river itself, coming not only from the mine but from the trucks hauling sand from here down to near the confluence, day and night. It is really inconceivable that we as a society would allow this to happen, trading this unique and priceless heritage that so many people have worked so hard to protect and manage, for the short-lived benefit of a few. And what precedent would it set for future Riverway development that might be even more invasive and perhaps damaging?

We support your request that the mining company and landowners withdraw their proposal, and any actions you might take to prevent the mine, as well as to reconsider the Riverway laws so that potential impacts and controversies such as this can be avoided in the future.

We appreciate your work,

Sincerely,

Mike Mossman
Lisa Hartman
Angus Mossman

From: Culture Works [<mailto:cultureworks.wi@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 2:08 PM

To: Culture Works

Subject: frac sand mining, dr. bruce brown

In response to an email sent by AES president Dave Weier, please note that the individuals and organizations that have been working over the past few years to protect the pristine Lower Wisconsin and its world heritage effigy mound sites are thoroughly familiar with Bruce Brown's presentations and the serious deficiencies and inaccuracies of his information, particularly related to his statement that there are no health problems associated with frac sand mining.

CultureWorks highly recommends Dr. Kelvin Rodolfo's (University of Chicago) scientific reports on frac sand mining which are now available on the web.

CultureWorks fully supports the recent announcement from the Ho-Chunk Nation that stands in opposition to intrusive mining in Wisconsin near the American Indian nations' lands. This statement was confirmed recently by distinguished Ho-Chunk elder Preston Thompson at a recent AES meeting.

Damage from frac sand truck traffic to historic site Villa Louis and other historic and pre-historic treasures is an emergent problem. There is no information or oversight related to damage caused from blasting and movement of heavy machinery near to mound sites. Per existing state law, the actions can occur within 5 feet of sites, without any additional protection provided.

Please assist CultureWorks and the coalition in protecting the pristine and agriculturally rich lower part of the Wisconsin River which harbors over 90 % of the world's remaining ancient effigy monuments--a multitude of grave sites of the Native American Nations of Wisconsin, particularly the Ho-Chunk.

The board members of CultureWorks will continue to support Native American cultural preservation in the Lower Wisconsin Riverway per our current mission statement.

Yours truly,

Linda Meadowcroft, president, CultureWorks, Inc.

Ho-Chunk Nation takes anti-silica sand mining stand;



Two frac sand mining items caught our eye. The Tomah Journal reports in [Ho-Chunk lobbying against mining](#):

The Ho-Chunk Nation has taken a formal stance against mining and is urging its leaders to lobby government officials against its development.

The Nation's Legislature last December adopted a resolution by a 11-0 vote to oppose the development of frac sand and other mining operations on or near Nation lands.

"The Nation has not been at the forefront of environmental issues, but I definitely believe the silence has been broken on our feelings on the threats to natural resources and waterways," said Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer.

"Ultimately, we have to understand we have a role in helping protect our grandmother — Mother Earth. Ultimately, this isn't science versus science. This is a very common-sense opposition to threats to our natural resources."

Greendeer said the influx of proposed and operational frac sand mines in Jackson County and the entire Western Wisconsin region over the past two years was in part the reason for adopting a resolution. . . .

The [Ho-Chunk Nation \(Winnebago\)](#) has its headquarters in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Read the entire story at the Tomah Journal.

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Subject: Lecture on Frac Sand Mining

Date: Sun, 17 Feb 2013 09:34:26 -0600

Hi Guys: On WPT this morning I watched an interesting lecture on Frac Sand mining. Here's the link: <http://video.wpt2.org/video/2195997443>

Enjoy,

***Dave Weier

From: mfishler@centurytel.net [<mailto:mfishler@centurytel.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 6:11 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients@mail958c35.nsolutionszone.com
Cc: mfishler@centurytel.net
Subject: Sand frac mine affects

Hello Mark, this is Mark Fishler from Bridgeport township and want to take a minute to say thank you so much for your response and the entire board towards pattison on the proposed Sand Frac Mine here. I can only pray that we all can stand together and hold our ground with a strong fight. You couldn't imagine the amount of people in our area along outside the area whom are against this mine and it's affects. We are hoping that if anything we can get by till April to elect a new board in our township this April because many, many people here know just how bad the members are and there interest in this proposed mine we feel. We are hopeful in anyway you will deny them there permits or any future permits. You are welcome any time to stop at our farms to get a good view on top of our ridge to see the area that will be affected although would not like pattison and his crew here at all. Our farm over looks the Flansburg, Marfilius and Poloda farm that is to be mined. It would be as well nice to talk to you in person and with my family that run these farms. Anytime soon would be soon enough to address our concerns and thoughts.

FYI - I have a neighbor who bought a house about 6 years ago as my neighbor. It is a beautiful home with a beautiful location on old 60. After he had bought this house as time went on him and his wife thought that this could be more work than they figured as they age. Meaning a large lawn to care for and etc. They thought maybe to advertise it for sale with a realtor the last couple years and with that had some viewers. With not much luck selling with the economy and the bank loans being a issue for many, he thought by dropping the realtor and advertising himself. Just here lately he was vacationing down south for the winter months and the old realtor called him to let him know somebody had expressed there interest in viewing the home. They viewed it and loved it and wanted to buy, BUT when the buyer asked the realtor that he heard somewhere in the area a sand frac mine was proposed. The realtor had said yes they are thinking about it but it's undecided just yet. The buyer headed to his car and told the realtor that he wasn't interested anymore unless this is to be turned down and left.

This Mark goes against our zoning and I hope our township will see this. I plan to get there statements from the realtor, owners and buyers and then will share this info with them sometime soon. I am waiting for them to get back with there motor home from vacation. I will try to get these statements to you as well ASAP. thank you Mark and the board for holding your ground on our future here in Bridgeport from all the citizens here against the mine. Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Roger reynolds [<mailto:ourfarmwi@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2013 11:00 AM

To: Cupp, Mark E - LWR

Subject: Pattison Noncompliance

Dear Lower Wisconsin Riverway Board:

Pattison Sand Company has received a letter of non-compliance for fugitive dust in Prairie du Chien.

Attached is the DNR Letter of Noncompliance to Pattison Sand. I also am sending the photos from the DNR.

This rail loading site and the fugitive dust have been complained about publicly for about a year in Prairie du Chien.

Is being caught breaking regulations what it takes to get Pattison Sand Company to protect their employees and not pollute a neighborhood?

Sincerely,

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