

**DRAFT**  
**Whitewater Township Planning Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on March 11, 2009**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Zakrajsek called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM at Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Boyd, Courtade, Lyons, Mangus, Miller, Savage and Zakrajsek. Also Attending: Planning/Zoning Administrator Meyers and 3 members of the public.

**Set/Adjust Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Business**

1. O.I.L. Energy Corp. Draft Permit Application Discussion

Chairman Zakrajsek explained that the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss whether the Planning Commission would send a letter to the EPA with regard to O.I.L.'s application for conversion of a Class II injection well to a Class I.

A letter from Brad Boals, 10091 Munro Rd, was received requesting that the Planning Commission request a hearing.

**Commissioner Comments:**

- After consideration of all of the available information, the change in classification from Class II to Class I for the disposal of cherry waste is of value both economically and environmentally.
- The use of deep injection disposal vs. trucking is preferable.
- Appropriate testing is in place.
- Whether there can be additional sources for waste is the biggest issue.
- The Processing Plant will pipe to the well as opposed to manual transfer.
- The well disposal will allow for cost reductions for processing which could create a trickle down – more profit for the growers, employees and facility itself.
- The public hearing will take place regardless of whether Whitewater Township proper takes a position.
- How would the Township and/or residents be notified if changes are proposed?

Chairman Zakrajsek thanked the Commission for perfect attendance on such short notice.

**Motion by Savage, seconded by Boyd to not send a letter requesting a public hearing but to direct the Planning/Zoning Administrator to send a letter to Leslie Patterson of EPA, Region 5 for the purpose of asking clarification on the following 2 points: 1) the use of “Traverse County” as opposed to “Grand Traverse County,” and 2) How can the well allow additional waste sources to be disposed of?**

Roll Call – Boyd – yes; Lyons – yes; Courtade – yes; Miller – yes; Mangus – yes; Zakrajsek – yes; Savage – yes. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Public Comment**

Paul Hubbel, 10937 Elk Lake Road – this issue is important, this is about the farmers. If we are going to truly be interested in assisting our farmers and the AG industry, then let’s walk the walk and talk the talk. This issue could bring about a new era for our farmers.

Meeting adjourned – 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Meyers  
Acting Recording Secretary