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#### MINUTES OF MEETING

OF

## ILLINOIS STATE MINING BOARD

#### BENTON, ILLINOIS

January 6, 2022

The following State Mining Board members were present:

Robert Eggerman Bernard Harsy Michael Huff Ronnie Huff, Executive Officer Steve Willis

#### Call to Order, Roll Call of Board Members

The meeting was called to order by Executive Officer Ronnie Huff. A roll call of board members was made with all members present. Having a quorum, Ronnie Huff proceeded with the meeting.

## Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The prior meeting minutes were approved and accepted as presented.

# Consideration of the motion to continue the hearing of Brandon Parsons before the State Mining Board

On November 5, 2021 a complaint against Brandon Parsons from the Director of the Department of Natural Resources was filed with the State Mining Board. On December 1, 2021 the State Mining Board served notice of the complaint to Mr. Parsons and scheduled a hearing on January 6, 2022. The legal counsel of Mr. Parsons submitted a motion to continue to the Board on December 28, 2021. Since no objection to the motion to continue was filed by the Department of

Natural Resources, the Board members voted unanimously to grant the motion to continue. The hearing of Brandon Parsons before the State Mining Board was continued generally.

## **Public Comments**

Amy Oakes, legal representative for IDNR, requested that the Board consider a temporary suspension of Brandon Parson's state issued certification. Jacob Gyore, clerk of the Board, stated that once a decision was reached on the correct procedure to issue a temporary suspension, the Board would consider the issue.

Bob Eggerman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mike Huff seconded the motion. Ronnie Huff adjourned the meeting.