



MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
ILLINOIS STATE MINING BOARD
503 EAST MAIN ST, BENTON, IL 62812

June 16, 2025

10:00 A.M.

The following State Mining Board members were present:

Robert Eggerman
Bernard Harsy
Raymond Hood
Michael Huff
Ronnie Huff, Executive Officer
Michael Martin
Stephen 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 by unanimous decision.

M-Class Mining, Viking Mine – Request for approval of longwall bleeder plan

Foresight Energy representatives James Miller (Director of Engineering), Shawn Batty (Director of Safety and Compliance), and Casey Crooks (General Manager) presented their proposed longwall bleeder plan for M-Class Mining to the Board. The presentation included technical details on ventilation, development progress, ground control, water handling, and monitoring. Board members and State Mine Inspector Larry Jenkel asked detailed questions about ventilation pressures, stopping integrity, gas monitoring, examination frequency, and the

expected mining timeline. The representatives from Foresight stated the plan had been received favorably by MSHA technical support and that once a few minor clerical errors in the plan documentation were fixed, they believed MSHA would approve the plan. Foresight hoped to begin mining by late July. Based on this timeline a motion was made by Ronnie Huff to table the discussion until MSHA had made its decision on the plan. The motion was seconded by Mike Huff. The board voted unanimously to table the discussion until MSHA had reached its decision.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.