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MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE ILLINOIS STATE MINING BOARD  
BENTON, ILLINOIS  
May 26, 2022

The following Special Committee members were present:

Robert Eggerman  
Bernard Harsy  
Michael Huff  
Steve Willis

### Call to Order, Roll Call of Special Committee Members

The meeting was called to order. A roll call of Special Committee members was made with all members present. Having a quorum, the meeting proceeded.

### Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting were approved and accepted as presented.

### Motion of Respondent Randy Nowland for the Special Committee to allow any pleading, notice, proof of service, or other document to be served upon the Special Committee and opposing counsel by email

During the Special Committee's February 17, 2022 meeting, an oral motion was made to allow all documents in the Randy Nowland hearing to be served by email, rather than by mail. The Special Committee could not vote on the item on February 17 as it was not on the agenda. The Special Committee voted unanimously to approve the motion and allow all documents to be filed by email.

Oral argument on all pending motions in the adjudicatory hearing of Randy Nowland before the Special Committee of the State Mining Board

The Special Committee heard oral arguments on all pending motions in the adjudicatory hearing of Randy Nowland. The Department of Natural Resources was represented by Amy Oakes while Randy Nowland was represented by John E. Rhine. Scott Sievers served as legal counsel to the Special Committee of the State Mining Board. A court reporter was present to document the proceedings. Oral arguments were made on Respondent's Motion for Summary Dismissal, Respondent's Motion for Summary Dismissal of Amended Complaint, and Department's Motion to Amend Pleading. At the end of oral arguments, Bernard Harsy motioned for the meeting to be closed to the public pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to consider litigation affecting and pending before the Special Committee. The motion was seconded by Steve Willis and voted on with unanimous support for closing the meeting.

Consideration of all pending motions in the adjudicatory hearing of Randy Nowland before the Special Committee of the State Mining Board

The Special Committee returned to open session and stated that it would need more time to issue a ruling on all pending motions. Scott Sievers, legal counsel for the board, informed all parties that the Special Committee would consider and vote on a proposed order at a future meeting. A meeting date was not set.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Since all agenda items were covered, the meeting was adjourned.