



MINUTES OF MEETING

OF

ILLINOIS STATE MINING BOARD

503 EAST MAIN ST, BENTON, IL 62812

May 8, 2025

1:00 P.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.

Consideration and decision on the reinstatement of Raymond Bratcher's Mine Manager Certification

On January 8, 2025, the Illinois State Mining Board heard arguments on a Complaint filed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources against Raymond Bratcher. The State Mining Board ordered the suspension of Mr. Bratcher's Illinois Mine Manager certification until Mr. Bratcher attended Illinois Mine Examiner certification classes and passed the Mine Examiner certification exam, at which point Mr. Bratcher would be given the opportunity to return before the State Mining Board to have his Mine Manager certification reinstated. Mr. Bratcher passed the certification exam and requested the Board reinstate his certification. The vote to reinstate Raymond Bratcher's Mine Manager Certification, effective immediately, was as follows:

- Robert Eggerman: YES
- Bernard Harsy: YES
- Raymond Hood: ABSTAIN
- Michael Huff: YES

- Michael Martin: YES
- Stephen Willis: NO

Raymond Bratcher's Mine Manager certificate was reinstated by a 4-1 vote with one abstaining.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.