

SCAMBLER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES-APPROVED

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Chairperson, Nancy Hebert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were the Scambler Township Board, 7 citizens and Jesse Johanson on behalf of the applicant. No letters or emails were received on this application.

Mr. Johanson gave an overview of the land and the project related to gravel mining on this property. The intent is to develop a 39-acre tract for gravel mining over the next 8-9 years. In the application, the company set forth various restrictions and obligations with respect to the property and hours of operation, the road maintenance and dust guard, etc. There will be no issues with the water table during this mining. There will be no night time operations. The operation will do reclamation as they move through the area. The area will be fenced for protection and safety.

The plant is expected to run 11 hour shifts and have quiet hours. They believe they could mine this area, over the next 8-9 years but might not mine it every year. It was anticipated that the production would occur for approximately 12-20 weeks each year, and not year-round. It was estimated that during peak production there would be 40-45 trucks per day.

Citizens had questions related to noise, and dust. The company will comply with all federal state and local laws related to mining operations and are monitored for noise and other pollution during production.

Citizens also expressed concerns with the courtesy of truck drivers and consideration of those farmers in the area with big equipment. Some were concerned with road safety and the noise associated with the mining and truck traffic. Also concerns of weed control on the topsoil piles. Others expressed concerns with the roads in Clay County as they see the truck traffic from this operation more than Otter Tail. Mr. Johansen indicated that they already work with Clay County on road maintenance issues.

After all the comments were heard, the Chair Nancy Hebert closed the Public Hearing at 6:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted, DeeNelle Stephenson, Scambler Township Clerk