

**Perch Lake Owners Association (PLOA)
Board Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2017 at Haight Camp(Lost Resort)**

Present: Dave Foster, Hal Petrimoulx, Jim Novitski, Cliff Janiak, Tom Haight and Colleen Quinn

Absent: Liz Quinn, Mike O'Brien and Tom Van Wagner

Location: Haight Camp (Lost Resort)

Time: 12:00 PM (noon)

Adoption of Agenda: All present approved

Review and approval of May 14, 2017 BoD Minutes: Motion by Jim, seconded by Hal, unanimous approval

President's Report: See attached report

Treasurer's Report: See attached report, Admin account balance---\$3,990.76; 501(c)3 account balance---\$9,364.44; currently 24 riparian owner members and 13 NextGen members for a total membership of 37 members.

Secretary's Report: See JUL2017 BoD minutes

Committee Reports

Lake Management: Jim suggested we send out thank-you notes to Camp Lake—J.D. McKay; Ice Lake—three people; Golden Lake and Sunset Lake. He sent a thank-you to Ivan concerning Erick Elgin's visit to our lake. Jim asked if we are going to continue our participation in the CLMP program for a cost NTE \$200. Jim made a motion to continue to participate; it was seconded by Colleen and received unanimous approval. Jim asked that an email be sent out to all members asking for their input on setting priorities for Perch Lake --- Dave to send out this email.

Communications: Tom is doing the PLOA newsletter and needs our input by early January 2018. We talked about the cost of sending out the newsletter on glossy paper and Tom is going to talk to Pam O about hiring her company to produce the newsletter.

Nomination Committee: See notes below regarding Class II elected this July 2017. Cliff is going to start working on the Class III replacements for July 2018.

Membership/Historian: No comments.

Old Business:

- PLOA/NFS Boat Launch Containment system – Many Waters LLC, Iron River, MI performed the inspection prior to removal of it and found no AIS of concern. Now with the O&M committee we are considering changes to the boon configuration and to the stability of the support posts. We had a Purdue University group of students and professors make 2 site visits this past summer and we tried to establish the effectiveness of the system with their help but we did not gain much insight with the experiment due to lack of control and oversight. We will continue to pursue the issue of the effectiveness of the system. This was the initial step in a process and by no means gives us firm data on which to make a final decision on the system's effectiveness.
- Insurance for D&O and liability coverage – Plan to continue with using Lud Stoor to provide our insurance.
- Perch River/Lake water level monitoring – Hal continues working to get complete data
- Iron County-wide Lake Association and WePIC update – Always looking for more involvement/participation..
- Board Member terms and election of class 2 --- Motion to have Cliff serve as VP and Mike O as secretary made by Jim and seconded by Hal. Approved
- PLOA Website – Taskers: 1) "RECIPE" page on the member's only page and would like it to be self-posting, rather going thru the president; 2) "HISTORY" page and 3) contact list on the members page. The BoD asked that Dave talk to Brian to see what he would charge to keep our website up-to-date.
- MVUM Update – Need to get a link to MVUM on our website. EA approved changes to be effective November 2017 but final approval is not in place until Spring 2018 when the new use maps are issued.

New Business:

- Thank-you letters – Dave to send out thank-you letters to Ole and Carol.
- PLOA Future – Need to encourage 501c3 donations to PLOA. Possibly set up a "GO FUND ME" page especially if we develop a need for additional funds related to the containment system or our overall mission.

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- 2018 Calendar of Events:
 - Containment Installation (main day with lunch provided) – May 10th
 - Containment Installation cleanup and review – May 11th
 - Spring 2018 BoD meeting – May 12th @ Janiak
 - Plant Survey – July 2nd
 - Annual Meeting and following BoD meeting – July 7th @ Foster
 - Annual Picnic – September 2nd with horseshoe tourney at Quinns’
 - Purple Loostribe Removal – Period of last week in August thru Mid-September
 - Annual ATV Color Ride -- TBD
 - Containment Removal – October 4th, with rain date of the 5th
 - Fall BoD Meeting – October 7th

- Michigan Township Alliance – Jim brought up Michigan bills HB 4503 and SB 329 that would strip townships and other municipalities of their authority to regulate the zoning of vacation and short term rentals of 28 days or less. HB 4846 would allow ORVs on all roads requiring townships to opt out if they don’t want them in their jurisdiction.
- Bates Township Master Plan Review – Bates township is developing a new Master Plan and it is open for public comment until October 31st. Dave to send out email to PLOA informing all of the plan and our need to review and comment.
- Mining Letter from Mike Golas – Refer to Mike Golas’ (attached) letter dated September 2017 concerning Mineral Leasing in Michigan.

Next BoD meeting May 12th, 2018 10:00 AM CDT at Janiak camp.

Cliff made motion to Adjourn Jim seconded, unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Foster

- ENCL: 1. Agenda
2. President/Treasurer/Lake Management reports
3. Michigan Township Alliance articles
4. Mike Golas letter

Perch Lake Owner's Association
July 2, 2017 Summer Board Meeting
Foster Camp at 12:00 PM (CDT)

- Roll call for quorum: Bill Pence (Ole), Cliff Janiak, Dave Foster, Jim Novitski, Liz Quinn, Carol Hicks-Brown, Tom Haight, Hal Petrimoulx and Tom Van Wagner and (new members???)
- Adoption of Agenda
- Review & approve Board meeting minutes from May 14, 2017 Board meeting
- **Officers' reports**
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- **Committee reports**
 - Lake Management
 - Communications
 - Nomination Committee
 - Membership/historian
- **Old Business**
 - PLOA/NFS Boat Launch Containment system – discussion of spring 2017 installation and October 5, 2017 removal
 - Insurance coverage and premiums
 - Perch River/Perch lake water level monitoring
 - Archivist/historian – still need to develop job description
 - Iron County-wide Lake Association and WePIC update
 - PLOA membership in Iron County Lake Association
 - Review attached Board member terms and election of officer's for Secretary and Vice President
 - PLOA Website
 - July 2017 Annual meeting items
- **New Business**
 - Ottawa NFS Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) update
 - PLOA future – 1yr, 3yr and 5yr plan. How do we get funding to keep the containment system operating?
 - Additional Topics
 - Next meeting --- October 7, 2017 at which camp?
- Adjourn

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BoD Member	Last Elected to BoD	Current BoD Expiration	Current Officer Position	Elected to Office	Board Class effective (JUL15)	Officer Expiration	Status	Remarks
Petrimoulx, Hal	7/11	7/16	Treasurer	7/14	I	7/16	Active	Past president (2004 – 7/13)
Haight, Tom	7/12	7/17			II		Active	Communications Comm Chair
Hicks-Brown, Carol	7/12	7/17	Secretary	7/15	II	7/17	Active	
Novitski, Jim	7/12	7/18			III		Active	Lake Mgmt Comm. Chair
Pence, Bill	7/12	7/17	Vice president	7/15	II	7/17	Active	
Quinn, Liz	7/12	7/18			III		Active	Past treasurer (7/10 – 7/14)
VanWagoner, Tom	7/15	7/18			III		Active	
Foster, Dave	7/11	7/16	President	7/15	I	7/16	Active	Past Secretary (7/11 – 7/13)
Janiak, Cliff	7/11	7/16			I		Active	Outreach/membership Comm. Chair
Crowe, Dave	7/09	7/12					Retired 7/12	
Madsen, Al	7/09	7/12					Retired 7/12	Past Vice President
Scanlan, Ed	7/09	7/12					Retired 7/12	
Bissey, Mary	7/08	7/11					Retired 7/11	Past Secretary
Read, Terry	7/08	7/11					Retired 7/10	Past treasurer
Treankler, Carl	7/08	7/11					Retired 7/12	Past Vice president
VanWagoner, Janet	7/12	7/15					Retired 7/15	

President's Report for PLOA JULY 2017
Annual & Board Meetings

- a. **New members of PLOA** – We have 12 new members since our last annual meeting. The limit is 14 new members. It is very nice to see the interest in PLOA's future. We want to insure all the new members feel welcomed and hope to see them at the picnic.
- b. **National Forest Service (NFS) Boat Launch monitoring and control program**
The installation occurred on May 12th with 18 volunteers. Jim made some revisions to some of the southerly posts to help resist the strong south winds last summer. There is always something new each year to address and this year we have had more issues with the northern wall. We will keep addressing the small failures and eventually have better equipment and ideas for the following years. Purdue University professors and students met Jim and me at the boat launch in May and Jim asked them for ideas or a plan to determine the effectiveness of our system. They came back in June and met with Cliff Janiak to place some plastic weeds, hoping to simulate the containment of any invasive weeds.
- c. **Ottawa National Forest Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) update** – The Forest Service is proposing to make designation changes to some motorized access routes in the Ottawa National Forest. The Ottawa's MVUM was first established in April 2007 to be compliant with the 2005 Travel Management Rule. The Environmental Assessment (EA) was released on May 31st and I sent out a link and a copy of the EA to the Perch Lake family. The good news is that the EA determined that an Environmental Impact Statement would not be necessary and that all the roads/trails concerning us would be open to all vehicles. The website shows an expected implementation of November 2017. The NFS was very responsive to all our comments and it appears that the roads into all our camps will be open to all vehicles.
- d. **PLOA Website** – The website is up and running. The activity sign-up option is working and many people have used it for the containment monitoring and the weed survey at the south end of the lake. We will ADD the member list with all the contact information to the MEMBERS only page and this needs to be finalized at the BoD meeting. We are still working on ADDING a "RECIPE" page under the "members only" page. Feel free to send any other comments or suggestions to me at dnfoster@charter.net or (616)844-5157 as a text or call.

Sincerely, Dave Foster

Fall Treasurers Report 2017

	Administrative Account		Withdrawal Detail	501C3 Account		Withdrawal Detail
	Deposit	Withdrawal		Deposit	Withdrawal	
Prior Reported Balance	\$ 2,488.61			\$ 8,123.75		
July	\$ 1,565.00	\$ 905.00	transfer to 501c3	\$ 905.00	\$ 84.14	DF cable ties for net
		\$ 24.72	DF copying cost			
August	\$ 100.00	\$ 3.00	bank fee		\$ 130.00	JN water quality testing
Sept	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00	transfer to 501c3	\$ 40.00		
October						
November	\$220.00	\$40.00	transfer to 501c3	\$40.00		
December	\$60.00			\$300.00		
17-Jan						
February	\$660.00	\$100.00	MLSA membership			
March	\$240.00					
April	\$180.00					
May	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00	MLSA mtg expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 485.17	lake mgmt expenses
June						
subtotals	\$ 3,145.00	\$ 1,412.72		\$ 1,385.00	\$ 699.31	
previous balance	\$4,220.89			\$8,809.44		
July	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 595.00	transfer to 501c3	\$ 595.00	\$ 40.00	Iron Co L/S Partners
		\$ 822.00	insurance			
		\$ 250.00	J Novitski (gift cards/lunch/printing)			
		\$ 97.54	C Hicks-Brown (picnic)			
August	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.59	D Foster (MI non-profit fee/straps)			
subtotals	\$ 1,565.00	\$ 1,795.13		\$ 595.00	\$ 40.00	
current balance	\$3,990.76			\$9,364.44		

2017 Paid PLOA Members

Riparian Members:

Clark PL Conservancy (Oct 2016) for 2 years

Foye (Dec 2016)

Crowe (March 2017 for 2016 and 2017)

Schneider (March 2017)

Klumpp (April 2017)

Ron Tilot (April 2017)

Quinn (April 2017)

Gunnefson (April 2017)

Petrimoulx

Paul

Novitski

O'Brien

Swatek

VanWagner

Janiak

J. Sensenbrenner

Hicks-Brown

Foster

Madsen

Pence

Bissey/Strack

Brzezinski

Read

HAI 6/17 ?

NextGen Members:

Chris Quinn Jr (Feb 2107)

Colleen Quinn (Feb 2017)

Caroline Quinn (Feb 2017)

Kevin and Beth Quinn (Feb 2017)

Kerry and Joe O'Connor (Feb 2017) Quinn family

Amy Stirlings (Feb 2017) Foster family

Meaghan Janiak

Nick and Carla Sprosty (Feb 2017) VanWagner family

Scanlan (Feb 2017)

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Zach O'Brien (July 2017)

PERCH LAKE PRIORITY LIST OF PROJECTS

Greetings Members,

At the 2017 annual Perch Lake Owners Association meeting it was decided to prioritize the current and possible upcoming projects concerning the work that the association would like to concentrate on. I announced at the meeting that I was going to have to take a reduced amount of work due to private concerns. That is one of the reasons for the development of this list. What I hope to learn with this list/survey is the direction our effort should proceed according to your input. I encourage everyone to send in a response to the priorities that you see fit.

I will assign a number to the individual project or task, with a brief explanation of the benefit that it provides the lake environment. I would like to have you respond by listing the number of the project highest in priority, in your opinion, down to the least priority. The list that I have made here is in no way listed in the priority that I consider the projects, as all of the tasks listed here, I believe, are equal in importance.

Jim Novitski

Perch Lake Management Committee

- 1) Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program – Includes a number of different parameters, listed below, that is designed to monitor the overall health of the water chemistry.
 - a) Secchi Disk Transparency – Records the lake's clarity or transparency. Weekly event
 - b) Total Phosphorus – 2 water sampling events designed to monitor the amount of phosphorus in the lake. Twice in a season event.
 - c) Chlorophyll – Sampling of the entire water column for the amount of chlorophyll in the lake. Once a month event with a total of 5 events per year.
 - d) Exotic Plant Watch – Provides strategy for conducting survey work to monitor for aquatic invasive plant species. New program that is ongoing. (plant survey in South Bay)
- 2) Containment Area – This is somewhat of a committed project that we have little decision in whether to engage in or not. I listed it so we can get an idea as to the general feeling towards this project compared to the rest. Installation, removal, inspection and maintenance are all on going.
- 3) Purple Loosestrife Eradication – Purple loosestrife has been on the lake for a number of years. The Forest Service has been doing much of the work on the lake but has been falling seriously behind. There has been a marked increase in the amount of this invasive on the lake since I was made aware of the problem years ago. Harvest should be done late summer for a few weeks.

- 4) Crayfish Trapping – This program is one that we have recently upgraded with a few volunteers committed to trapping and providing data as to the number of crayfish per general area and time of year. Once a month trappings for a total of 5 events.
 - 5) Loon Watch – Volunteers installed a nesting platform and are charged with monitoring any loon activity that it generates and also any loon activity on the lake.
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This is most of the projects we have been involved with this year. Some of the projects change from year to year, mostly involving the CLMP program. There is number of other programs and projects we could be involved in, for instance, shoreline landscaping, forested invasive species, stream monitoring, erosion issues, etc. If you would like to see us pursue some of these other issues, feel free to include this in your response.

I hope you will take the time to provide your input in deciding where we want to focus our efforts. Thanks for supporting the PLOA and Perch Lake and we look forward to hearing from you.

Jim Novitski
Perch Lake Management Committee

Many Waters, LLC
 2527 Lake Ottawa Road
 Iron River, MI 49935

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
10/5/2017	179

Bill To
Perch Lake Owners Association

Terms
Net 15

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
1.5	Dive/Wader Time Surveying Containment Area	125.00	187.50
60	Mileage	0.56	33.60
		Total	\$221.10



Perch Lake Owners Association*

Beauty and Tranquility Worth Preserving

Dave Ivan,

I just wanted to let you know how much we appreciated Erick Elgin's visit to Perch Lake, up here in the Upper Peninsula. We had approximately 10 people from our organization and all were very impressed and appreciative of the information that Erick shared with them. He took his time and explained a number of issues and subject matter to an audience that is not very familiar with lake ecology. He made a concerted effort to make sure all understood the observations and information shared at the presentation.

Dr. Jo Latimore paid us a visit a few years back and was also very informative and encouraging. She actually persuaded our organization to conduct a plant mapping of Perch Lake. People like Jo Latimore and Erick Elgin are priceless in the attempt to reach out to the public for data collection and monitoring. I have attended a number of events presented by either Dr. Jo or Erick and all were extremely interesting and informative.

On behalf of the Perch Lake Owners Association and myself, I would like to thank you and everyone associated with the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program and the Michigan State Outreach Program for making a real connection with the public. With people like Dr. Jo Latimore and Erick Elgin, you should be very proud and pleased with their effectiveness in engaging the public with understanding and professionalism.

Perch Lake Owners Association

Jim Novitski

Lake Management Chair

FYI

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Short-term rentals issue heating up

MTA was part of a coalition in a press conference this week speaking out against a pair of bills that would preempt local zoning authority, not allow local resident input and allow short-term rentals in residentially zoned areas. HB 4503, sponsored by Rep. Jason Sheppard (R-Bedford Twp.), and SB 329, sponsored



by Sen. Joe Hune (R-Hamburg Twp.), would strip townships and other municipalities of their authority to regulate the zoning of vacation and short-term rentals of 28 days or less by classifying them as a residential property use--not commercial. In recent years, a growing number of people began to use Airbnb.com and other online services to rent houses, leading to short-term rentals being located in residential neighborhoods. While some may go unnoticed without a problem, others have caused major disruptions to residential neighbors--negatively impacting their quality of life. During the press conference, two township homeowners spoke of houses renovated to sleep 20 people, describing it as living next door to a "fraternity house." Many communities impacted negatively have adopted ordinances to help contain short-term rentals to certain residential zones in an effort to respond to their residents' desires. HB 4503 and SB 329 would undo those ordinances--and the hard work of boards and residents alike. While townships could still respond to noise and other police power ordinances, **Spring Lake Township** (Ottawa Co.) Supervisor **John Nash** said many local units don't have the resources to respond to each complaint. "Short-term rentals is a local issue that should be determined by local people," Nash said. SB 329 could be considered by the Senate as early as Tuesday.

MTA asks members to contact their state senator and representative and tell them to vote no on this preemptive legislation and to allow local zoning issues to remain local.

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**UPCOMING
 MTA EVENTS**
 **MTA On the Road -- 10 locations
 **Township Finances
 **Strategic Planning
 **Accounting and Payroll

ALLIED SERVICE PROVIDERS



* Asphalt Materials, Inc.

* Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman, PC

* Consumers Energy

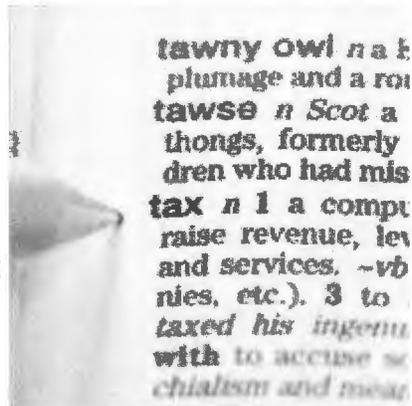
definition. We will work lawmakers on further vetting and changes as discussions continue on these bills.

Opt-out would be required to keep ORVs off of township streets

Off-road vehicles would be allowed on roads, streets and highways unless your township prohibited them—a reversal of the current opt-in system—under a bill discussed this week. MTA testified in opposition to [HB 4846](#), sponsored by Rep. Brett Roberts (R-Eaton Twp.), before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Currently, no ORVs are allowed on roads unless they're authorized by a local unit of government or the state Department of Transportation under certain conditions. HB 4846 would instead allow ORVs on all roads, requiring townships to opt out if they don't want them in their jurisdiction. MTA testified that this change would alter the current rules of engagement, leaving many communities either unaware or scurrying to opt out. MTA was able to negotiate a change with the bill's sponsor, removing language requiring townships to wait a year after the bill was enacted to prohibit ORVs from operating on roads within their limits. However, MTA is concerned that HB 4846 will open roads to ORV use that locals may want closed due to safety or environmental issues. The committee could take action on the bill as early as next week.

Municipal bonds would remain tax-exempt under federal tax plan

A plan to reform the federal tax code is expected to maintain the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds and eliminate the state and local tax deduction. President Donald Trump's administration, the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee and the U.S. Senate Finance Committee unveiled their "[Unified Framework for Fixing Our Broken Tax Code](#)"—providing goals and policies they say would simplify and reduce individual tax rates. While the framework does not explicitly discuss the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, a Sept. 26 call between Congressional Republicans and the White House is reported to have stated that the



Mineral Leasing In Michigan

Mike Golas
Iron River MI
801-870-9863 Cell
September 2017

Mineral Estate vs Surface Estate

In Michigan, as in most states, the “mineral estate” is dominant over the “surface estate”.

- A mineral owner has a preferential right to extract its minerals without any regard to the rights of the surface owner except as defined by federal laws or as defined by state laws or court cases within that state.
 - Federal laws might include protections for wetlands or water but not forests, homes, roads, etc.
 - Federal mining law dates to the 1870’s and has not been modified since and is therefore based on environmental, surface or societal considerations (basically none) of the time.
 - The federal mining act of those times basically gives free rein to mining companies.
 - Michigan law, as the law in most states, presumes the mineral estate will provide some consideration of the value of the surface estate but this is not necessarily well defined by Michigan case law or other means.
 - To my knowledge there are no Michigan laws or policies that are more restrictive than federal laws.
 - Regardless of the above, some responsible companies will take steps to work with surface owners to alleviate, not eliminate, issues. This effort might take several forms:
 - Damage payments
 - Royalties beyond those mandated by federal or state laws
 - “Adaptive Management” techniques which adapt a mineral extraction process to local conditions, needs, expectations.

The mineral estate has definitions that have been clarified or created by court cases specific to that state.

- In Michigan, the mineral estate means everything below the surface except for what has been explicitly excluded by the State. In Iron County the typical “hard rock” mining we are acquainted with would be taking place within the mineral estate.

The Mineral Leasing Process in Michigan

In Michigan, the minerals are usually owned by the State (and managed by the DNR). In Iron County the minerals under the Ottawa National Forest are usually owned by the US (and managed by the USFS). In uncommon cases there are examples of private mineral ownership.

A party that has an interest in minerals in a specific area or locality would be wise to obtain a mineral lease before they invest anything in exploration.

- While the term of the lease will be limited it costs only a filing fee and an annual payment to maintain the lease.

To obtain a mineral lease anyone simply needs to file a simple form with the Michigan DNR. They can request that the lease be granted “direct” i.e. without a competitive bidding process. The DNR determines if there will be a competitive bidding process if they have reason to believe there could be multiple parties interested. In Iron County, because there is no mineral exploration that has reached an advanced state, it appears the DNR is willing to grant leases directly, and have repeatedly done so in the last several years.

- The Eagle Mine LLC request is for a direct lease.

The Mineral Exploration Process

1. Developing a conceptual opportunity
 - a. The mineral “exploration” business is loaded with speculators and promoters who make their living on conceptual deals rather than actual mineral extraction. These are oftentimes located in Canada (the banking centers of Toronto and Vancouver) where Canadian federal policies promote avenues where financing critical to the deal can be created. The vehicles, actually sometimes only on-paper “deals”, are called “junior companies” in Canada and are usually made up of financial component, which promotes project funding and a geological component which promotes the geologic concept.
 - b. The mineral exploration business also has major players, such as Rio Tinto, who generally concentrate on big “plays” and usually outside the USA. The junior companies often take their concepts to the majors in an effort to sell them on the idea.
2. Basic financing of the concept
 - a. You have a better chance of selling an idea to a financial or geological sugar daddy if you have a mineral lease in hand or, better yet, have obtained geologic or geophysical data to support the concept. So you set off and:
 - i. Get a lease from the DNR or the USFS on the cheap.
 - ii. Do some basic geophysical work (paid for by your “investors” who you have promoted the idea to).
3. Financial and geologic support is obtained, but still at a conceptual level
 - a. With money in hand, more geophysical work is done or, in a more advanced stage, the risk of drilling exploratory core holes is taken on.
 - i. With core holes you either disprove a concept, determine that there is enough support in the data for additional geophysical work (and financial promotion) or you discover an economic prospect.
4. Assuming an economically justified prospect is now in hand steps are taken to pick up additional leases if that is wise, begin the permitting process for either detailed delineation of the prospect or for development of a full-fledged mine, as well as muster the necessary financial commitments.