

Cameron Rail Site LLC
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Winona MN 55987

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April 21, 2014
Board Meeting*

April 18, 2014

To:

The Town Board of Arcadia Township

W26051 State Rd. 95

Arcadia WI 54612

Ron Tuschner

Mike Wineski

Ivan Pronschinske

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the ownership of Cameron Rail LLC, that holds the current mining permits and leases for the Guza Mine located on River Valley Road in Arcadia Township, we are requesting the town board's cooperation and support for the expansion project and annexation into the City of Independence we are proposing for the Guza mine.

Cameron Rail Site LLC in cooperation with Superior Silica Sands is proposing an expansion of the current mining operation to include an enclosed drying and screening facility; expanded and enclosed washing facility; conveyor system to convey the majority of finished sand to State Road 93 to minimize truck traffic on Cross Road and River Valley Road; and a truck and rail trans loading site on Hwy. 93.

During the process of doing our due diligence on this project, we met with the County seeking support and encouragement for our proposed project. We soon realized that the political climate of the Trempealeau County Board was such that our expansion was being met with a high degree of negative feedback that not only included the enacted Health Moratorium in Trempealeau County, the appointment of the committee to investigate the silica sand mining industry which did not want any representation from the sand industry as part of their committee, and public comments from Trempealeau County officials that Trempealeau County did not need jobs, coupled with a complete anti business transformation and mindset.


Some of the things that this expansion project is going to bring to the taxpayers of Trempealeau County are:

1. \$60 Million Dollars in expansion and infrastructure.

2. Will hire and employ about 150 local people in various jobs that will average, with benefits, about \$50,000 per year.
3. Bring \$25 million dollars a year into direct operating monies most of which will be spent in the local economy.
4. Add upwards of \$1 Million dollars per year to the property tax base.
5. Rebuild and repave River Valley Road and Cross Road for the Arcadia Township.

As we looked into the feasibility and implementation of this project, we discussed possible annexation into the City of Independence with representatives from both the Townships and the City. From our discussions and ongoing conversations we are encouraged and pleased to be able to move forward in a positive, supportive environment that covets landowner rights and encourages a cooperative business atmosphere with our township and city partners for many years in the future.

Sincerely,
Randy Spangler
Robert Hemker
Owners of Cameron Rail Site LLC

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy Spangler".