

## MINUTES

### COAL SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD

**Via Teleconference  
August 12, 2020  
10:00 a.m.**

#### Members Present

Gerald Collins  
John P. Jones  
Barbara Altizer  
Brad Kreps  
Randy Casey  
Donna Stanley  
Gavin Bledsoe  
Chis Stanley

#### Others Present

Bradley Lambert, DMME  
Greg Baker, DMME  
Darlene Gibson, DMME

Bradley Lambert provided guidelines as instructed by the Attorney General's office to follow to have the Board via teleconference.

The polling of members by Darlene Gibson was conducted to establish a quorum. All members affirmed to conduct the meeting via teleconference.

Chris Stanley, Chairman of the Board opened the meeting at approximately 10:05 a.m.

#### **Minute's approval**

After a brief discussion, the minutes of October 16, 2019 were to be amended and approved with a motion and seconded by Gavin Bledsoe and Gerald Collins, respectively. All members present were in favor.

#### **Status of Pool Bond Fund**

Greg Baker of DMME provided updated numbers to the Pool Bond Fund balance effective August 12, 2020:

Fund Balance End of March, 2019:	\$ 9,326,303.40
Fund Balance End of July, 2020:	\$ 9,660,836.39
The Fund Balance increased by:	\$ 334,532.99
<i>(This reflects the salary that is taken out each January \$41,700.00)</i>	
Amount of Pool Bond posted:	\$ 118,676,900.00
Self-Bond amounts	\$ 24,224,025.00
<i>(A reduction of \$740,400.00 which reflects a permit that is cost bonded, therefore reported incorrectly as in the pool)</i>	

150 Permits are participating in the Pool.

Forfeited

Circle L Land Company, Inc. Permit No. 1102091  
\$123,000.00

The plans for Circle L are completed and in Procurement and in process of going out to bid. It is estimated to be in the \$400,000 range.

**Update on Justice Permits and Compliance Agreement Status**

Gavin Bledsoe provided an update on the Justice Companies. They are currently working under a compliance agreement and progress is slow but it is progress. A couple of their Baden Reclamation permits are currently back filling and re-grading. Virginia Fuel Corporation has been working on stream mitigation on a permitted site in Dickenson County.

A meeting was held with a company which is tentatively looking to take a portion of A & G Coal Corporation at Looney Ridge to perform some reclamation work and some actual mining, however; no plans has been submitted.

**Virginia Mercury News Article**

A news article in the *Virginia Mercury* raised some issues with some Legislators. Information was provided regarding discussions that occurred between a few legislators and John Warren, Director of DMME regarding concerns with the condition of the Pool Bond. It was indicated that there could be some Legislation introduced with an attempt to fix the Pool Bond. Bradley Lambert, Deputy Director also had discussions with Delegate Kilgore and Delegate Moorefield. After a lengthy discussion among the committee, it was decided to wait and see what develops.

**Next Meeting**

Next scheduled meeting is tentatively set for December 9, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Altizer.

Meeting was adjourned.