

SPEAKERS & OTHER RESOURCES

FRAC SAND MINING IN WI TOWNS - A ONE DAY CONFERENCE

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Bios

Kelly Coulson, Speaker. Kelly is Supervisor of the Eau Claire Office, Manufacturing and Utility Bureau. Kelly started with the Department of Revenue, Bureau of Manufacturing and Telco as a Property Assessment Specialist in September of 1998 and was promoted to supervisor of the Eau Claire office of the Manufacturing and Utility Bureau in August of 2010. Prior to DOR, Kelly worked for the Department of Transportation in both Tomah and La Crosse. Kelly graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, majoring in English and Communications. Kelly was born, raised and currently lives in Durand.

Becky Glass, Conference Program Coordinator; bgwork@chibardun.net
Becky has been working on frac sand issues in her local community for the past six months. She holds a Master of Urban and Regional Planning with a focus on transportation and energy from the University of Illinois. In her day job, she serves as Deputy Director of the Labor Network for Sustainability, a member network of trade union members, worker activists and environmentalists working to address climate change and to promote economic and environmental sustainability. Becky has worked with nonprofits across the upper Midwest since 1984, and from the Town of Prairie Farm since 1990. She and her husband Jim Hare raise grass-fed beef on their small farm, and Jim serves as editor of the Hay River Review. Their daughter Amber is studying environmental policy and analysis at Boston University.

Thomas Harnisch, Speaker and Conference Planner. Tom has a single law practice in Neillsville, Wisconsin. His law practice since 1972 has been diversified in civil, municipal, administrative, environmental and criminal law. He has been a City Attorney and a County Corporation Counsel and has served as Town Attorney for numerous Towns over the past thirty years. He has served as a volunteer member or as an attorney on many municipal and non-profit boards. He was a college educator two years, a State Senator for eight years and most recently served as the Education Director of the Wisconsin Towns Association for over twenty years. He received his BA from the University of Wisconsin and his JD from the University of MN, and took the Wisconsin Bar Exam in 1972.

Paul Kent, Speaker. Paul is senior partner with Stafford Rosenbaum LLP in the Madison, Wisconsin. His practice focuses on environmental regulatory matters with a particular emphasis on water and land use issues. He worked with Kennecott Minerals on the permitting of the Flambeau mine in Ladysmith, and more recently he has represented the Towns of Howard and Prairie Farm on frac sand mining issues. In addition to his practice, he has taught the environmental law course at the University of Wisconsin Law School since 1989 and he has co-authored several books and articles on environmental law including *Wisconsin Water Law: A Guide to Water Rights and Regulations*.

Ron Koshoshek, Speaker and Conference Planner. Ron, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Ethics, and Jurisprudence at UW-EC (1969-1999), lives in the Town of Howard, Chippewa County, where he has served as Chair of the Plan Commission in the Towns of Cleveland and Howard. Ron served in an advisory capacity to all three attorney generals from 1979-1995 on Natural Resource Policy. He also served as a member and chair (1982-91) of the Citizens Advisory Committee in the Public Intervenor office (Wis. Dept. of Justice) from 1979-1995. He has served on numerous advisory boards and task forces in Wis DNR, the Wis Dept of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, and on the board of directors of national conservation organizations. Ron is the recipient of numerous awards and certificates of appreciation from citizen groups and conservation organizations, most notably: A first recipient of the *Wisconsin Idea Award* granted by the UW-Madison School of Agriculture and School of Natural Resources for “contributions to natural resource policy”; A recipient of the *Excellence in Public Service Award* granted by the UW-Eau Claire for “public service that has improved the quality of life for all citizens of the State of Wisconsin”; *Conservationist of the Year Award* granted by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation; and *Golden Trout Award*, Wisconsin Trout Unlimited. Ron was born, raised, and educated through college in Wisconsin. He co-owned his family’s 180 herd dairy farm in the Town of Tilden from 1979 until it was sold in 2000.

Dan Masterpole, Conference Planner. Dan Masterpole is the County Conservationist for Chippewa County and is the Director of the Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management. In that capacity, he is responsible for administering the Chippewa County Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance, adopted to meet requirements of WI Admin. Code NR 135. Under that ordinance, the County must assure reclamation plans are complete, provide opportunity for public review and comment, determine if plans are adequate to meet reclamation standards, issue permits, and verify compliance. Mr. Masterpole has worked directly with the public, local municipalities, and company representatives since 2008, as the industrial sand industry has expanded and moved through the prospecting, planning, and production phases of mine development in Chippewa County.

Scott McCurdy, Speaker. Scott is a Wisconsin registered Professional Geologist and a Certified Professional Geologist (AIPG). He graduated in 1973 with a BS in Geology and Physics and in 1992 was awarded his MS in Environmental and Public Health. He is an environmental specialist/hydrogeologist with over 38 years of experience and is currently responsible for the management activities of the Environmental Group at Cedar Corporation in Menomonie, WI. His experience includes:

- Coordination, supervision, and completion of environmental investigations and remedial actions at contaminated sites including hazardous chemicals, petroleum products, agricultural chemicals, landfills, manufactured gas plants, etc.
- Assessments of historic contamination issues
- Environmental monitoring plans including spill prevention, control, and counter measures, wastewater treatment, air emissions, and storm water.
- Interpretation of surface and groundwater quality data to evaluate contaminants and sources

- General water quality issues including ground water modeling.
- Geologic mapping, aerial photograph interpretation, geophysical data acquisition and interpretation, soil sediment and water quality sampling and analysis.
- Air dispersion modeling, air emission permit application, and annual reporting.
- Remedial Action Planning and Corrective Action Oversight for contaminated properties
- Municipal and private water supply well projects –siting, source area contaminate studies, test wells, well design and permitting, integrated with design team for well houses and water treatment systems
- Municipal Wellhead Protection Plans.

Joe Plouff, Conference Planner. Joe lives with in Menomonie with his wife Lavonne Solem. Although now retired, he spent most of his career as a special education teacher. He has also served as an elected official at the city, state and county levels. As a current member of the Dunn County Board of Supervisors he Chairs the Planning Resources and Development Committee.

Tom Quinn, Wisconsin Farmers Union; Conference Co-Sponsor. Tom is the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Farmers Union, a statewide member-driven organization working to enhance the quality of life for family farmers and rural communities through education, cooperative endeavors and civic engagement. The Farmers Union headquarters building is located in Chippewa Falls, WI, with a Governmental Relations Office in Madison, WI. Tom is also a Supervisor on the Dunn County Board, and is a member of the Executive Committee and the Planning, Resources and Development Committee. He also serves on the boards of the Dunn County Economic Development Corporation and the River Country Resource Conservation and Development Council. Tom is a former dairy farmer and lives in Downing, Wisconsin.

Al Romportl, Speaker. Al is currently the Supervisor of Equalization of the Wausau District Office, responsible for establishing the Equalized Value for 14 counties in North Central Wisconsin. He has held that position since 1988, after having been the Field Supervisor there for two years. Prior to that, he was a Property Assessment Specialist in the La Crosse District Office, and a technician in the Eau Claire District office. He has taught numerous courses on Property Assessment to assessors and local officials.

Kara Slaughter, Conference Planner. Kara is Government Relations Director for Wisconsin Farmers Union. In this capacity, Kara advocates for the interests of farmers and rural residents on issues such as farmland preservation, dairy and commodity policy, competition and antitrust in agricultural markets, farm-based renewable energy, conservation, and access to health care for farm families in Wisconsin. Originally from Kansas, Kara attended the University of Nebraska for her undergraduate studies, and then completed a joint degree in Law and Public Policy at the University of Minnesota. As a lifelong fan of delicious cheese, Kara is happy to be living in Wisconsin now.

Richard Stadelman, Wisconsin Towns Association; Conference Co-Sponsor. Rick Stadelman (pronounced “Stad el man” with a short a in first syllable) is the Executive

Director of Wisconsin Towns Association. The Towns Association is a voluntary association of 1254 towns of the 1257 towns in Wisconsin, with an additional 17 village members. The headquarters of the Association is located just west of Shawano, Wis. in the Town of Richmond. Rick has served as Executive Director since 1987 on a full time basis. Prior to that time he worked part time with the Association as legal counsel and lobbyist beginning in 1980. In his capacity as Executive Director he has continued serving as an attorney and lobbyist. He has served on several state committees and task forces including the DATCP Livestock Facility Siting Committee and the DATCP Working Lands Steering Committee. Rick also served as the elected District Attorney for Shawano and Menominee Counties from 1975 to 1979. From 1980 until 1987 prior to becoming the full time Executive Director of Wisconsin Towns Association, Rick practiced law as a private attorney in a local law firm.

Bruce Stelzner, Speaker. Bruce is the Chippewa County Highway Commissioner. He has over 25 years experience in public works and highways and has served as Chippewa County Highway Commissioner since 1990. He is also the current President of the Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) and State Director for the National Association of County Engineers (NACE).

Tom Woletz, Speaker, WI DNR. Tom currently serves as Senior Manager, Special Projects Coordinator, Water Division, DNR. He was recently appointed to be the DNR point person on Frac Sand issues. He is a 37-year employee of the Wisconsin DNR, working in all of the DNR environmental areas as a field engineer, first line supervisor or regional leader. He has held long term acting assignments as Deputy Regional Director and Regional Customer and External Relations Leader. He holds a BS Degree from the University of Wisconsin Madison in Civil and Environmental Engineering and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Wisconsin.

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