

**Public Hearing Verbal Testimony**  
**Heartland Contractors, Inc.**  
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My name is Steve Soden, I live on 169<sup>th</sup> Street . So, just to rephrase a question that I asked earlier. Our concern, it sounds like this is very unique from a location standpoint because of all the wetlands, and what we're asking is how those.... all the wetlands existing around our homes are going to be monitored. We have several small ponds and lakes. One, in fact, across our home is actually in a wildlife preserve. It is in the, actually a terminology I should probably bring up to you so you know what it is called, the Chippewa County Land Conservation Program. The current owners have put it into for the life of the land so it's a wildlife habitat area. Those areas, we're asking of how that's going to be monitored because this site is being put in the middle of all those wetlands and it sounds like it is very unique, so it sounds like something special needs to happen from our viewpoint. Again, we have a neighbor that has lived in his house for 17 years that a week ago, his water has turned bad from some activities taken place on the land ...we assume. So that's surely our concern as citizens in the area.... with this operation not even starting yet, that we're seeing impacts to our water, so we are asking for some sort of action or plans that will help relieve that. We are very concerned about it.

Don Bernier

My name is Don Bernier...I'm Roc's brother. I know Steve well....consider him a friend. I heard him before say that this water issue with my brother's well is ridiculous. I drank my brother's water up until a week ago and his water is bad now. I don't know which one of you...I think it was you said it gets into the groundwater...if hydraulic fluid or whatever gets into there....I don't know what got into my brother's water but I do know when you run it out of his faucet right now, I wouldn't even want to take a bath in it. Something happened.....I don't know what...I'm not saying it was him but something happened to my brother's water.

Heather Andersen, Town of Auburn, WI

As a citizen of the county, I'm quite concerned about whether there is enough money for the reclamation to be finished. I'm familiar with the non-metallic frac sand or industrial sand mining. It's been brought to the citizens' attention that one of our sand mines, I think it's Town of Howard or Cooks Valley, think it's Cooks Valley, there is not enough money to reclaim that land. Expenses go up and the amount of bond that is put in place or the amount of money that is stuck in the bank someplace, we have found that it's not enough for the reclamation process. I don't want to be stuck with that bill and I'm sure that these people don't want to be stuck with that bill, but it is entirely possible that we're all going to be stuck with the bill for the sand mine....for the industrial sand mine. So I'd like to make sure that there is enough money in the bonds.....so, triple it.

Thanks.