



Beltrami County

Natural Resource Management
Policy: Aggregate Management

Purpose

Administration and protection of aggregate resources on County managed land. These resources are finite; therefore, wise use and long range planning are necessary to ensure that the needs of the County Natural Resource Management Department (NRM), County Highway Department and local residents can be met in the future.

Policy Statements

1. County aggregate resources will be retained predominantly for Beltrami County
 - a. There will be no private or commercial use of aggregate material from County managed land.
 - b. Township use will be limited to 200cy in emergency situations or 1000cy/year only if all other reasonable options have been exhausted. Township use will be managed by the Highway Department.
2. Private companies may use County aggregate resources if specifically identified in NRM Department or Highway Department project descriptions. The materials removed must be used on the described projects only. After project is completed, any remaining materials will become the property of the department that is overseeing the project.

Logging contractors, at their own expense, may use a limited amount of pit run material for Beltrami County Timber Sales purposes with NRM approval. The material can only be removed from pre-existing borrow pits or identified Tax-Forfeited Sand & Gravel Areas and must be used on the described projects only.

3. The Highway Department will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the aggregate mining with the overall responsibility of land management on tax-forfeited lands remaining with the County Land Commissioner. In exchange for the management of these areas, the Highway Department will be charged a reduced rate for material removed for County Highway Department projects.
4. The Highway Department will be responsible to obtain any permits that are required for the mining operations.
5. Any new mining areas to be opened must be approved by the Land Commissioner and must be part of a comprehensive mining plan (including survey, estimated quantities and quality, and reclamation plans).
6. The Highway Department will coordinate with the NRM Department to allow for harvesting of any valuable timber impacted by the mining operations.
7. Exhausted pits will be reclaimed as per reclamation plans utilizing the Reclamation Fund.
8. Price: Highway Department \$0.75 per cubic yard, (includes \$0.10 per cubic yard reclamation fee).
Townships \$1.25 per cubic yard, (includes \$0.10 per cubic yard reclamation fee).