**NEXT STEPS**

Now that we have the attention of the County and a little publicity it is time that we do our homework and organize our voices to be as effective as possible. This is where I am focusing my time and attention, where are you focusing yours? Do you want to help? Do you have other points that you would like to bring forward?

**Critical Points Of Preparation**

* **Organize our voices into a single entity for Buffalo County. For example, in Goodhue County they are the *“Citizens Concerned About Possible Silica/Frac Sand Mining Operations In Goodhue County”***
* **Prepare for the March 8th Board of Adjustment hearing on R & J Rolling Mines’ Conditional Use Application for frac sand mining & processing**
  + **Ask for denial** **of the CUP application and resubmission in two applications**:
    - CUP application for frac sand mining
    - CUP application for frac sand processing (washing/coating/drying)
  + **If not denied**, request an additional public hearing if frac sand haul route is changed to State Hwy 37S because of improper public notification … meeting was not published in the Buffalo County Journal which serves the public on State Hwy 37S and cities of Nelson & Alma
* **Develop A Statement On Issuance Of A Moratorium for advance distribution and presentation at the next Buffalo County Board of Supervisors**
  + Put specifics on the table, the resolution from the Zoning Committee is vague and does not mention frac sand processing or frac sand transfer points. Be concise!
  + Do not address rail spurs, they have to be addressed by another governing body (yet to be clarified)
  + Ask for an advisory group that includes private citizens as well as county legislative representatives to work during the moratorium period toward problem solving and win/win situations for our neighbor landowners and the public
* **Develop Talking Points On Frac Sand On-Site Processing (Washing/Coating/Drying)**
* **Develop Talking Points On Frac Sand Transfer Points (to rail car or barge)**
* **Develop Talking Points On Haul Routes Options Based on Mine Locations & Transfer Points:**
  + Hwy 88S to Hwy 35S to Winona
  + Hwy 88N to Hwy 37SW to Hwy 35S to Winona
  + Hwy 37SW to Hwy 35N to Wabasha
  + Hwy 37NE to Hwy 10E to Osseo