



Two Rivers Sand, Gravel, & Reservoir Project Public Meeting

June 1, 2023

Meeting Notes

The following high-level notes capture comments raised by community members and addressed by Raptor Materials staff, Garrett Varra and Peter Christensen, RESPEC Engineering consultant. Most of the community members present at the meeting live in the Dos Rios neighborhood which is nearby the project site. See the meeting presentation for more information.

We also received written input from Karen Johnson as she could not attend. Highlights of her comments have included below among the comments heard at the meeting.

- **Notification Process:**

- Notification process was peculiar, we didn't have a chance to comment.
- We only got a piece of paper on a post. That wasn't enough.

Raptor: We have received all the comments, timely and untimely, and they have been reviewed and taken into consideration.

- **Permitting/Parties Consulted:**

- Does the City of Evans permit have the ability to stop the project?

Raptor: That is subjective, not sure, we didn't bring an attorney.

- We heard from the City of Evans that they cannot do anything about this, they cannot stop the state permit—They can only record our concerns.
- Is there any place in the State of Colorado where a single person could stop a mining project from happening?
- Did you consult with the gas company?

Raptor: Yes, everyone who has wells and/or pipes in the area were consulted or given information—we heard from some and didn't hear from others.

- When are the needs of the people considered in the state permitting process?

Raptor: The public comment period is meant to serve that purpose.

- What steps are left for getting the permit to mine this area?



Raptor: We have to go through the City of Evans permitting process.

- So, we are at the mercy of the City of Evans—we are part of Greeley, they won't care.
- How often does the DRMS turn down projects?

Raptor: About one a year.

• **Viewshed:**

- Community member: We don't want "ugly".
 - Trucks driving, mining equipment, stockpiles, etc.
- How much equipment will we see on 54th Street?

Raptor: There will be a buffer with stockpiles and/or fencing.

- I propose the land be protected and preserved—forever. I propose a Central Park, Weld County—uncoiffed. No playgrounds and concert stages. Just open space. A couple picnic tables. Perhaps a bike path around the perimeter. I would invite CSU to use the farmland for educational purposes—environmentally conscious agricultural learning.
- It is not just the residents of Dos Rios who will be affected by this project if it moves forward. Everyone who drives by it, either daily or just from time to time, will suffer the loss.
- This land is a piece of Mother Nature that deserves to be preserved. It may not feed our pocketbooks, but it feeds our soul, our mental well-being.

• **Project Communication and Accountability:**

- What kind of power do you [Garrett] have to make changes on this project?
- Can you actually make project decisions?

Raptor: Yes.

- Who do we go to with local project concerns?

Raptor: You can direct concerns to me.

- Has the company had ordinance issues in the past? What is your track record with violations?

Raptor: No, the company has not had ordinance issues in the past.

- Will the PowerPoint be available on the website?

Raptor: Yes, we will have it on the website.

• **Water and Retention Pond:**

- Do you have water to backfill the pit after the project is done?

Raptor: Yes.

- Do you plan to sell the water?

Raptor: Yes.

- You are using water from the aquifer that other people have rights to.

Raptor: Raptor has more than adequate water rights to cover the operational needs. Most of the water from the aquifer that will enter the excavation will be returned to the aquifer (discharged to the river).

- Have you considered mosquito mitigation with the standing water?

Raptor: We will address it as issues arise, as of now, we estimate the water will be shallow and moving.

- Have you considered that this area is in a flood plain?

• **Sand and Dust:**

- Will the rock crushing produce silica sand? I am concerned about breathing it in.

Raptor: Yes, but the material is generally wet and not dusty, and dust control will be employed as needed to minimize dust.

• **Traffic:**

- Where will the trucks be parked?
- Where will the trucks be entering and exiting?
- There is a "Truck Haul Route" where there is excessive speeding from trucks.
- We do not want speeding.
- Who do we call to complain to when a truck speeds or when trash is left behind?

Raptor: The City of Evans. Please take a license plate number as they do not necessarily listen all the time.

- The corner of 65th coming in south and 54th coming in west is extremely dangerous. If the trucks are using this intersection, accidents are bound to happen. You need to avoid the intersection.

Raptor: We are looking at making changes to the corner of 65th.



- **Lighting:**

- What is the plan for lighting in the evening?

Raptor: Diffused, low to the ground. We will use infrared cameras if there is a concern with theft.

- **Wildlife and Vegetation:**

- We are concerned about the trees and wildlife—will you be cutting trees down?

Raptor: We always work around trees where possible—the conveyor route was identified to minimize impact on trees with only one or two possibly needing to be removed.

There were no trees where the excavations were proposed as that is entirely cultivated farmland.

- Eagles—will this destroy their home?
- Wildlife displacement is a big concern.

Raptor: We've learned on other sites that wildlife adapts and is resilient. We've found most wildlife are not bothered by the operations and make their home on piles.

- **Noise:**

- How loud will the conveyor belt be?

Raptor: Sound changes with distance, conveyors are quiet. Cone crushers are louder, 400 ft away they similar to background noise like a dishwasher.

- Our neighborhood is not typical. We can hear the wildlife—especially at night.
- Will you be using white noise back up alarms on your machines?

Raptor: Yes.

- **Hours of Operation:**

- What will the hours of operation be?

Raptor: Weld County regulations allow us to work daylight hours, so we expect 7 am – 5 pm will be our hours of operation. We do not work on Sundays and occasionally on Saturdays, so typically, 5.5 days per week.

- **Project Layout & Schedule:**



- Will the project be on the south side of the river?

Raptor: The excavations will be between the Big Thompson and South Platte Rivers. No excavation is planned north of the Big Thompson.

The processing plant is currently the only proposed activity north of the Big Thompson river

- When will the project start? How long will it be?

Raptor: 2024. The project is anticipated to be approximately 25 years depending on demand.

- Please consider moving the processing plant—it will affect less people.
- The majority of neighbors will be happier if the project moves south.
- Can you move your plant on the other side so that the houses aren't affected?

Raptor: We are evaluating alternate locations and have spent a considerable amount of money doing so. An alternate location south of the Big Thompson with access south/west on CR 396 also impacts people.

- Show me where the spoils is, and then show me where my house is. You told us about a gravel belt but not about the spoils area.
- Please set up a barrier to prevent damage from dirt and dust covering houses.

- **Property Value:**

- How will our property value be affected? Will it decrease?

Raptor: I do not want your property or my property value to go down.

- Did you offer to buy the properties on 96th?

Raptor: I have talked to the owner.

- **Other Comments:**

- The people are number one—not the wildlife, not the water, us.
- When the first accident with one of your trucks from this project happens, you will be hearing from our lawyers.
- Is this just a feel-good meeting? Can you do anything?
- This is your business, but these are our homes.
- Best output is with the City of Evans, they will listen to us if we do things respectfully.
- We need to listen to Garrett as he is willing to change some transportation routes.



Transcribed Flip Chart Notes

Below is a chronological transcription of the flip chart notes recorded during the meeting. These comments are included in the notes above—this transcription has been included simply as record.

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- The people come first. (Before wildlife and water concerns)
- They do not want the "ugly", --The project will be an eyesore.
 - Will Raptor Materials put up trees to block the site?
- Is the pond going to be on the south side?
 - Concerns about loading with the conveyor belt.
- Where on the site will Raptor Materials be starting the project?

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- Do you have plans for mosquito mitigation?
- What is the plan for lighting? –They don't want bright lights at night.
- Focus on moving the plant to an area where it affects the least amount of people.
- When will the project start?
- What discussion has there been at Raptor Materials pertaining to the area north of the property?
 - Trees, wildlife, etc.

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- [After discussing the retention pond resulting from the gravel pit] Are you considering the effects of the project on our lives right now? The project doesn't end for 25 years.
- How loud will the conveyor belt be?
- [After comparing project noise to typical residential background noise.] Our neighborhood doesn't have the typical sounds of a developed area, we don't have a lot of noise besides nature.

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- What will the operation hours be?
 - Will there be work on Sundays or Saturdays?
- Traffic patterns
 - Where will the trucks be coming from and where will they be exiting the site?
- Speed
 - People already speed on 54th, but your trucks will have 2 tons of gravel with high speeds.
- Who do we call?
 - The community wants an accountable, responsive party to contact when issues with the project arise.

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- Is Raptor Materials willing to make changes to traffic?
- Westvelt spoils area is extremely close to a resident's house.
 - Claims that he was told the project wouldn't come near his house, what changed?
 - How will damage to my house be prevented during this project?
 - Concerned about sand and dust covering house.



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- Damage to houses
 - We want a barrier set up to prevent damage to houses.
 - Dirt and dust damage to homes.
- Property value decrease
- What is the company's track record for violations?

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- How much equipment will the residents see?
- Did Raptor Materials offer to buy homes directly on 96th?
- How often does DRMS fully turn down projects?
- The corner of 54th and 65th is very dangerous.
 - Truck accidents on 54th and 65th Intersection.

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- Raptor Materials should focus on making the majority happy and avoid 54th altogether.
- People moved to Dos Rios for peace and quiet.

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- Will Raptor Materials buy more land to mine on the site?
- Please add the PowerPoint to the website for access.
- Will Raptor Materials be using white noise back up alarms?

Attendees: 43 total

Last Name	First Name
Albright	Garry
Blumhardt	Arthur
Cadle	Sherry
Cadle	Steve
Cohrs	Mike
Conner	Kathryn
Driscoll	Peter
Driscoll	Amy
Garcia	Art
Grassl	Richard
Haralson	Ron
Hendrickson	Martha
Holladay	Micki
Holman	Kaye
Humphries	Bill
Kammerzell	Art
Kammerzell	Karen
Korins	Lee
Korins	Karen



Lareau	Kaleb
Mackessy	Steve
Magerfleisch	Scott
McCloud	Stacy
McCloud	Collin
Nesse	William
Olmstead	Charles
Olmstead	Catherine
Pachl	Tamara
Pachl	Robert
Ruby	Ron
Seader	Bridget
Skelton	Andy
Skelton	Stacey
Speck	Paul
Troutini	Mark
Troutini	Shellie
Vail	Steve
Vail	Leslie
Widdifield	Pam
Widdifield	Ed
Workman-Nesse	Marianne
Yohe	Ben
Zumbrun	Jessica
Zumbrun	David

Staff Representatives:

Raptor Materials	
Borum	Quentin
Goss	Amanda
Jeakins	Kevin
Varra	Garrett
RESPEC	
Christensen	Peter
CIG	
Matthews	Jenna
McCague	Cathy
Migdall	Carlie