

Fannin County Commissioners Court unanimously approved a resolution that requires reclamation of land damaged by sand and gravel mining. The signed resolution will be presented to Sen. Hall at the town hall meeting October 24 [2016].

### **RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES RECLAMATION OF MINED LAND**

WHEREAS, the County of Fannin appreciates the importance of industry and as a County, encourages, supports and welcomes commercial and industrial growth;

WHEREAS, the County of Fannin is concerned about the environmental and economical impact of surface mining; which can include erosion, loss of biodiversity, destruction of native ecosystems, and agricultural losses through decimation of land suitable to sustain livestock, all of which would result in a substantial decrease of land values concurrent with the depletion of land productivity and aesthetic value;

WHEREAS, the County of Fannin believes in the importance of restoring our land that has been mined to a natural and economically usable state. We believe as stewards of the land, we must restore productive ecosystems, not destroy them;

WHEREAS, Mining reclamation minimizes and mitigates the environmental and economical effects of mining and it is imperative that reclamation be a regular part of the mining process, and that the same occur prior to a mine being permitted or started;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Fannin County, Texas does hereby resolve that for the foregoing reasons, it is in the best interests of Texas counties and their taxpayers to support and favor the passage of legislation which would require the reclamation of mined land in the State of Texas, and the Commissioners Court of Fannin County, Texas expresses its deep appreciation to all legislators who support the same.

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