

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE
of the
Laurentian Vision Partnership**



Meeting II

Thursday, March 23, 2006 – 9:30 A.M.
Iron Range Resources
Mineland Reclamation Office, Chisholm, MN

Objective

To review the status of major activities and actions decided at the January 11, 2006 – Laurentian Vision Partnership Meeting, and prepare the agenda for the April 18, 2006 Laurentian Vision Partnership Meeting.

WORK GROUP UPDATES

A. FACILITATE REGIONAL VISIONING – RAY SVATOS

I. Handbook

- Preliminary Draft – Chris Carlson, provided to Ray on 3/22 (copies to committee)
 - Like format
 - Review & clean-up of content
- Tool to motivate and present the LVP concepts

Actions:

- Review preliminary draft by Coordinating Committee and add following mining company representatives to the review process:
 - Jerry Drombeck
 - Pete Vandelinder
 - Joe Scipioni
 - John Koepke
 - John Holmes
 - Craig Hartman
- Ray will contact the mining company representatives and request their participation
- Comments on this draft to be provided back to Ray by March 31st
- Ray & Shelly will incorporate comments in a redraft to be emailed to the LVP committee by April 11th in the agenda packet.
- LVP will review & finalize draft on April 18th
- Ray will follow-up with Chris after the 18th

II. Primer (Executive Summary of LVP charrette process)

- Still in process of completing this
- Expect draft by March 31st from Chris Carlson

Actions:

- Email out to full LVP Committee by April 11th
 - Add explanation to differentiate between the two documents (Handbook vs. Primer)
 - Agenda item for April 18th

III. Communications Strategy

- Marlene Pospeck is no longer involved.
- Convenor? New volunteers?
- How to get this done?
 - Professional assistance may be needed
 - Piggyback on Iron Range Resources agency-wide marketing consultant in future

Actions:

- Randy Lasky will facilitate a meeting with Tim Pastika as the convener
 - Open invitation to all LVP members that are interested in developing the strategy
 - Email notice to all members to involve if interested
 - Invite Iron Range Resources staff with marketing expertise to help us.
 - Prepare a draft strategy framework for discussion at the April 18th meeting

B. DELIVER TOOLS & RESOURCES – TIM PASTIKA AND MARTY VADIS

I. Mine map update

- Original map was done in 2000...this is the first update
- **LVP ownership of product...needs to be emphasized**
- Needs explanation added on the map

Actions:

- April 18th meeting:
 - Show old & new maps and highlight major changes
 - Acknowledgment that this is an LVP product
- Other ideas
 - Part “A” of Communication Strategy
 - **How will we disseminate information?**
 - **What’s the community’s responsibility with this information?**

II. Underground Mine Map

- Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District formed and ready to proceed with project
- \$308,000 – contract being executed for a 3 year period
- Purpose: gather historic information on underground mine workings – GIS map developed and shared.

Actions:

- Update LVP Committee on project status on April 18th
- Iron Range GIS Collaborative Phase II (Dan Jordan/Dave Yapel)
 - March 10th – second meeting held
 - Feedback after:
 - Overwhelmed by opportunity
 - Impressed
 - Pilot community interest?

- We have contour elevation data needs...is there a way to share costs among possible users?
- What's next? Review with the LVP Committee on April 18th

III. Area-Wide LVP Map

- Sample for CIRI (samples April 18th – Tim P) & Quad Cities area by MDNR
- Community (neighborhood) Concept Plans pieced together – provide the missing regional picture
- Think more regionally
- Caution: need to involve the land owners in these concept plans being developed (role of LVP will need discussion on April 18th)
- LVP role could be: Reach out to the sub-regional groups to develop concept development plans (3 parts to the process)
 - Charrette
 - Area concepts development
 - Future mining retained

Action:

- Include on agenda, Tim will provide sample for CIRI area.

IV. Other Tools/Resources

- MDNR Natural Ore Deposits Perspective
 - Assembling information for several natural ore locations
 - Small pockets still exist
 - Extend LVP area focus to Hwy 38 in Grand Rapids?
- Pit Wall Remediation
 - Pit shaping for future uses
 - Explore this?
 - Braun Intertec is a consultant on the CIRI project team that could help look at this.

Action:

- Share information on both of these projects at the April LVP meeting.

C. TARGETING PRIORITY PROJECTS

I. East Range Charrette

- University of Minnesota role?
 - Staff is limited
 - Use their contacts & network for the most bang given their new limitations
- Terry Lowell working on finding a project coordinator
- New point person to be named by Mittal Steel – to be determined
- Funding status? No report yet.
- When to conduct: After EIS – now targeted for November 10th, probably Jan – Feb '07 as target timeframe to do the Charrette process

Action:

- Provide update on April 18th

II. Keewatin/Taconite Area Charrette

- Meeting held (Ray, Doug H. Doug L.)
- Feedback:
 - Still fuzzy with Council
 - Need more reflection and discussion
 - They are aware of the need
- \$ of concern
- Need to maintain contact going forward

Action:

- Report on the meeting at the April LVP session

D. GRANT PROGRAMS

I. Innovative Grant Program

- Mining company applications due March 31st

Action:

- IRR will provide list of projects on April 18th

II. Mineland Reclamation Grant Applications

- Due March 31st
- Provide a list of projects for LVP information and regional group action

Action:

- Regional groups review and provide input to IRR staff before presentation to the Commissioner and Board
- Board and Commissioner action – July 1st

SUB REGIONAL GROUPS UPDATES

I. CIRI – Doug Hildenbrand

- Other projects update
 - Mapping
 - Water levels, etc.
- Needs (\$60,000)
 - Sanitary Sewer District
 - Wind energy
 - System design
 - Elevation Contour Flights & project needs coordinated across the Range
 - Two foot contours are needed for a variety of uses
 - Flying and mapping in spring with leaves off needed
 - Fly the whole Range? More cost effective...share the costs
 - Two week window in April to do this work

Action:

- John Chell will look into possible interest and see if various users can be coordinated and the costs shared immediately. Worth trying to do asap.

- Pit Lake prototype application will be submitted to Iron Range Resources for \$660,000
- Pit to be determined East of Chisholm

II. East Range Readiness – Curt Anttila

- Met last in January
- EIS scoping process was a focus
- Polymet EIS in process at this time
- Mesabi Nugget slow going
- Laskin Energy Park Project has a potential manufacturer...new rail spur would be needed.

III. Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board

- Canisteo – Charrette not planned at this time
- Minnesota Steel planning is proceeding and funding development
- Excelsior Energy planning is proceeding
- Keewatin/Taconite Charrette still a possibility...timing?
- Comprehensive Plan Updates are going forward in Itasca County
- Will share this information on April 18th... no LVP action needed

IV. Quad Cities – No Report

OTHER BUSINESS

I. Large Scale Projects Map

- Place LVP logo and credit on map?
- Distribute?
- Add qualifier – proposed or potential projects
- We propose that the MDNR map be endorsed by LVP/with LVP logo

Action: Discuss at the April 18th LVP meeting

II. GIS – Mining – Wetland Mitigation Project

- Regional group meeting on this need
- Most mitigation has to occur on private land – we have a lot of public wetlands
- Lack of market interest – so sites are limited
- Need:
 - GIS map of potential sites – Range-wide (Innovation Grant request?)
 - MDNR GIS layer would be the outcome
 - LVP support?
 - Discuss at the April 18th meeting

Action: Discuss at the April 18th LVP meeting

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 18, 2006 LAURENTIAN VISION PARTNERSHIP MEETING

- Draft agenda out to Coordinating group to set priorities?
- Longer time...go beyond lunch? Skinny up the agenda?
- Agreed: We will start the April 18th meeting at 9.00am to 12:30 (with one 10 minute break) ...We should be able to get through this if we all help Randy stay on track and address the agenda priorities.

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