

Partnership Meeting LXVII
Wednesday, January 17, 2018 (9:00 AM – 12:30 PM)
Mining & Reclamation Classroom, Chisholm

Northeastern Minnesota’s mining industry and the communities that have grown out of natural resource development are facing changing landscapes, issues and opportunities. Impacted by global and national factors, existing Iron Range mines and proposed resource-based projects are embracing new challenges to remain globally competitive and operate with a social license to mine. Communities facing land use issues and seeking to provide residents with a high-quality of life are advancing new business, community and recreational projects by cooperatively solving land use issues. LVP, by convening stakeholders in timely discussions, seeks to collaboratively address the needs of communities, mining operations, resource management, land retention, reclamation, environmental permitting, local revenue generation and land reuse.

The focus of this meeting is on several major topics related to major land use planning underway in St Louis County and its potential impacts and policy implications; an update on PolyMet mine permitting as the draft Permit to Mine and Financial Assurance documents have been released by MnDNR for public review and comment; learn about recent federal legislative efforts by Jobs for Minnesotans and others impacting mining in the region; and an update on the evolving ERP Iron Ore and Chippewa Capital development projects. We will hear updates on Minescape Projects and be introduced to an effort by IRRR to leverage marketing opportunities tied to the International Society of Mining Engineers (SME) conference to be held in Minnesota this spring. Finally, we will hear progress reports from regional groups and work groups on several timely items of interest..

PROPOSED AGENDA

9:00	Laurentian Partnership Debriefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant introductions and expectations • Opening comments 	Randy Lasky , Facilitator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Meeting LXV results and next steps (Sep-27) • Overview of the meeting objective and agenda
9:15	PRESENTATION: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts on mining and related updates 	Mary Anderson Land Use Manager, St. Louis County Jenny Bourbonais Senior Planner, St. Louis County
9:45	PRESENTATION: PolyMet Mining Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit to Mine and financial assurance • Update on other permits 	LaTisha Gietzen Director of Public and Community Affairs, PolyMet
10:15	PRESENTATION: Twin Metals Leases and Federal Legislation Update	Nancy Norr Economic Development Director, Minnesota Power and Chair, Jobs for Minnesotans
10:40	Break	
10:50	PRESENTATION: ERP Iron Ore and Chippewa Capital Project Update	Robb Bigelow Managing Director, ERP Iron Ore LLC
11:20	Partnership Priorities: Regional Group Action Progress Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What’s happening in regional areas across the Iron Range? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board (WMMPB) ○ East Range Joint Powers Board (ERJPB) ○ Quad Cities ○ Central Iron Range Initiative (CIRI) ○ Regional Projects highlights for the past three years 	Doug Learmont , Coordinator Curt Anttila , Coordinator Melissa Cox , Laurentian Chamber, Executive Director John Fedo , CIRI Member John Fedo, ELY EDA; Jim Plummer, IRRR
11:40	Partnership Priorities: Work Group Action Progress Reports Targeting PRIORITY PROJECTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on LVP FY 18 Minescape Program Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Redhead Trail Project in Chisholm ○ Tioga Trail Project in Cohasset ○ Highway 53 Bridgeview Area in Virginia 	Jim Plummer , IRRR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on FY 17 Virginia buffer landscaping project 	
Noon	Facilitating REGIONAL VISIONING	Jim Plummer, IRRR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LVP Strategic Plan and Priorities Update Society of Mining Engineers (SME) Int'l and Prospectors Convention and SME Field Trip to the Iron Range – Explanation and Overview 	Brian Hiti, IRRR, Linda Johnson, IRRR and Doug Learmont, WMMPB
12:20	Delivering TOOLS AND RESOURCES	Tim Pastika, MN DNR and Jim Plummer, IRRR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large Scale Projects Mapping Update 	
12:20	Other Business Updates and Future Topics	Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future Topics/Presentations (Spring 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land use policy on bike and other recreation uses and investment on mining lands Legislative report on session...ends on May 21st Recharge the Range Update NRRI Key Projects Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st Century Mining and Innovation Projects update and legislative outcomes, Rolf Weberg Intellectual Property University of MN/NRRI policy, Tim White, new Business Development and Intellectual Property Manager Major mining projects update as appropriate MnDOT projects update for upcoming construction season Major Iron Range accomplishments 2-3 years LVP Updated Strategic Plan 2018 	
	Future Topics/Presentations (Spring 2018 and beyond)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative recreation uses of mining lands Envision Model St. Louis County land use planning/ tax forfeit lands/broadband development and recreation lands (Itasca County tie?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barb Hayden/Mary Anderson/New Minerals Staff State School Trust Fund Lands and strategy Immediate and Long-term Transportation Planning for Northeast MN (Transportation Planning and Projects) Corridors of Commerce Environmental panel or focus (Conservationists for Common Sense, or others?) Louisiana Pacific Siding Plant – Project Update State of mining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large scale project updates: PolyMet; Mesabi Nugget; Twin Metals; ERP Iron Ore; Chippewa Capital; UTAC; KeeTac; Mining Resources New/energizing opportunities Value added iron update Marketing the region for mining – leverage future opportunities The bio-industry opportunity on the Range Titanium mining development – new technology Ilmenite minerals development update ManganiFerrous iron ore mining Convene summit on balanced land use Regional environmental issues – federal and state regs and policy considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sulfate Mercury emissions Haze rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land exchange Class One – tribal lands BWCA buffers Minnesota Clean Power Plan Recharge the Range Lessons learned from T.H. 53 relocation project – multiple stakeholders, how might apply to other future projects Iron Range Regional Planning – a regional approach to balancing immediate and long-term mining land retention needs and sustainability expectations with community growth and development needs Future charrettes Recognize role as forum (strategy on this); state, federal, county levels, and others
	What's Next?	Facilitator
12:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Schedule Meeting date and agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating Committee – April 18th Laurentian Vision Partnership – May 23rd Wrap up announcements and conclusions 	Representative from each work group and each sub-regional group
12:30	Adjourn	