

Partnership Meeting LXVI
 Wednesday, September 27, 2017 (9:00 AM – 12:30 PM)
 Mining & Reclamation Classroom, Chisholm

MEETING OBJECTIVE

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 renewed mining and future value added mining opportunities; transportation planning and the challenges associated with moving roads and highways to accommodate mining growth; and, planning for new high speed broadband and how six communities are collaborating to expand services to unserved or underserved areas on the Iron Range. We also will discuss the interest and status of project applications to utilize the FY18 IRRRB Minescape Grants Program as several projects have come forward this summer. We will also learn about and provide an opportunity for members to assist in updating the LVP Strategic Plan and priorities. Finally, we will hear progress reports from regional groups and work groups on several timely items of interest.

As Dan Jordan prepares for retirement on September 30th, we want to extend a special thanks for his leadership role in supporting LVP and the mining industry for 32 years at IRRRB.

PROPOSED AGENDA

9:00	Laurentian Partnership Debriefing	Randy Lasky, Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant introductions and expectations • Opening comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Meeting LXV results and next steps (Jun-17) • Overview of the meeting objective and agenda
9:15	PRESENTATION: Broadband Planning & Development Update	Bill Coleman
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of broadband and its complexities and challenges • IRRRB/Blandin six community planning collaborative • What are service providers doing on the Iron Range? 	Principle, Community Technology Advisors Corp Blandin Foundation Consultant Whitney Ridlon, IRRRB
9:45	PRESENTATION: Transportation Projects, Plans, Mining Impacts Update	Todd Campbell
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hwy 53 update for Virginia (bridge and surrounding upgrades to come) • Hwy 169 update for Eagles Nest and Hibbing/Chisholm corridor plans to accommodate mining growth • FY18 construction projects and funding status • Road construction project delays 	Assistant District Engineer, MN DOT
10:30	PRESENTATION: NRRI – Public Report & Ilmenite Mining Innovation Update	Rolf Weberg, NRRI Director
10:35	Break	
10:50	PRESENTATION: Hibbing Mine View Update	Dan Jordan, IRRRB

10:55	PRESENTATION: ERP Iron Ore Status Update (Former Magnetation Project) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to ERP Iron Ore LLC • Current status and future plans and other projects 	Robb Bigelow Managing Director, ERP Iron Ore LLC
11:40	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) 	Doug Learmont , Coordinator Curt Anttila , Coordinator Charlie Baribeau , City Councilor John Fedo, Rick Crum, and Pete Kero , Members
12:00	Partnership Priorities: Work Group Action Progress Reports Targeting PRIORITY PROJECTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated on LVP FY 18 Minescape Grant Program applications • Update on FY 17 Virginia buffer landscaping project • Innovation Grants Program name change 	Jim Plummer , IRRRB
12:10	Facilitating REGIONAL VISIONING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LVP Strategic Plan and Priorities Update 	Jim Plummer , IRRRB
12:15	Delivering TOOLS AND RESOURCES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Scale Projects Mapping Update 	Dan Jordan , IRRRB Tim Pastika , MN DNR
12:20	Other Business Updates and Future Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Topics/Presentation Recommendations of LVP Coordinating Committee (Jan/Feb 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NRRI – Innovation Initiative and future plans ○ Roll out of updated strategic plan/LVP ○ St. Louis County Plan Update – Minerals Manager • Future Topics/Presentations (Jan/Feb 2018 and beyond) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative recreation use of mining lands Envision Model ○ St. Louis County land use planning and recreation/Itasca County tie? ○ State of mining/future opportunities – marketing the region for mining ○ Long-term Transportation Planning for Northeast MN (Transportation Planning and Projects) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Business focus groups input sharing – 20 year plan ○ Corridors of Commerce Environmental panel or focus (Conservationists for Common Sense, or others?) ○ St. Louis County Land Use Plan development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mark Johnson/Barb Hayden/Mary Anderson ○ Louisiana Pacific Siding Plant – Project Update ○ State of mining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bankruptcy/projects in jeopardy – New/energizing opportunities ○ 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 ○ State of mining and future opportunities ○ Sulfate standards – Land exchange – Class One – tribal lands – BWCA buffers – Minnesota Clean Power Plan ○ The bio-industry opportunity on the Range ○ 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 ○ Value added iron update ○ Titanium mining development – new technology ○ Future charrettes ○ ManganiFerrous iron ore mining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Large scale project updates: PolyMet; Mesabi Nugget; Twin Metals; Magnetation; Essar; UTAC; KeeTac; Mining Resources ○ Recognize role as forum (strategy on this); state, federal, county levels, and others 	Facilitator
12:25	What's Next? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Schedule • Meeting date and agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinating Committee – December 6, 2017 ○ Laurentian Vision Partnership – January 17, 2018 • Wrap up announcements and conclusions 	Facilitator Representative from each work group and each sub-regional group
12:30	Adjourn	