

Partnership Meeting LXVIII

Wednesday, May 23, 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 including an introduction to State School Trust Lands and their significance as a strategic land resource and revenue generator for targeted k-12 education needs in Minnesota; an overview of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Strategic Plan and its implications for mining and resource utilization in the region; an overview of the Hector Mine embankment washout and restoration project; a report of the St. Louis County & Northeast Koochiching Trail Plan; and an update on the successful 2018 International Society of Mining Engineers (SME) conference held in Minnesota this spring and how we leveraged this opportunity to showcase the Iron Range. Finally, we will hear progress reports from regional groups and work groups on several timely items of interest including Minescape Projects and FY18 and FY19 funding status and awards, upcoming work on the draft 2019-2024 LVP Strategic Plan, and new changes to the Mesabi Large Scale Projects Map.

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 LXVII results and next steps (Jan-18) • Overview of the meeting objective and agenda
9:15	PRESENTATION: Overview of State School Trust Lands and Strategic Implications for Land Use and Education in Minnesota	Aaron Vande Linde Director, School Trust Lands at State of Minnesota
10:00	PRESENTATION: MDNR Strategic Plan – Challenges and Innovations	Jess Richards Director, Division of Lands and Minerals, MDNR
10:35	Break	
10:50	PRESENTATION: Embankment Washout (Hector Mine)	Linda Johnson & Jim Plummer Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation
11:05	St. Louis County & Northeast Koochiching Trail Plan	Andy Hubley Director, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission
11:45	PRESENTATION: Highlights of 2018 International Society of Mining Engineers (SME) National Conference held in Minnesota	Julie Marinucci Mining Engineer, SEH
11:50	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 (WMPMB) ○ East Range Joint Powers Board (ERJPB) ○ Quad Cities ○ Central Iron Range Initiative (CIRI) 	Doug Learmont, Coordinator Curt Anttila, Coordinator Melissa Cox, Executive Director, Laurentian Chamber John Fedo, CIRI Member
12:00	Partnership Priorities: Work Group Action Progress Reports Targeting PRIORITY PROJECTS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minescape Projects FY 2018 Project Awards and Funding Update and FY 2019 Budget Status • Project Update – Mining Reserve Tails Reclamation Study • 2019-2024 LVP Strategic Plan Development 	Jim Plummer, IRRR

12:10	Delivering TOOLS AND RESOURCES	Tim Pastika, MN DNR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mesabi Large-Scale Projects Map <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explain revisions and format changes ○ Copies of most current version 	
12:15	Other Business Updates and Future Topics	Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Future Topics/Presentations (Fall 2018)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Trails Planning – Bikes and Multi-Use ○ LVP Strategic Plan Update – review and adopt ○ Major projects update (ERPIO, Cliffs, PolyMet, and others) ○ ASMR conference ○ Iron Range Engineering Program and Bell Program overview 	
12:25	What's Next?	Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Schedule • Meeting date and agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinating Committee – TBD ○ Laurentian Vision Partnership – October 24th • Wrap up announcements and conclusions 	Representative from each work group and each sub-regional group
12:30	Adjourn	