

Partnership Meeting LXXI
 Wednesday, June 19, 2019 (9:00 AM – Noon PM)
Minnesota Discovery Center – Rustic Pig Restaurant
 1005 Discovery Drive, 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 and service support 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 quarterly meeting is on several major topics including a legislative update on important resource and agency policy and funding outcomes as the legislative session ended for the first half of the biennium; an outlook review and update for US Steel Minnesota Ore Operations; an update on Iron Range high speed broadband systems development and the implications for the region and mining interests; an overview of IRRR’s new Strategic Plan; and we’ll showcase a Mineland Reclamation Grants Project and share some of its outcomes located in Buhl. Please note that we have modified the agenda format to minimize progress reporting for Regional Groups and have eliminated Work Groups reporting, and we will use a Suggestion Box and cards for your input on future meeting topics and presenters. With these changes, you will still have an opportunity to review written progress report summaries by our Regional Partners and direct questions as part of the new format, and we will review proposed topics and recommendations for the Fall meeting agenda. Please complete an index card with any suggestions and leave in the box at the meeting today. Finally, we will wrap up this meeting with an optional tour of the new Hibbing Mine View Site which will begin at 12:30 at the site. See the handout for directions.

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 LXX results and next steps (Jan-19) • Overview of the meeting objective and agenda
9:15	PRESENTATION: Iron Range High Speed Broadband Initiative and Mining Implications Update	Whitney Ridlon, Community Development Representative, Dept. of IRRR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What has happened, what is currently underway and what can we expect in the future? - Intelligent Communities Forum report out - Implications for mining, entrepreneurship, business retention and expansion, and business attraction 	Betsy Olivanti, Consultant, UMD Center for Economic Development
9:45	PRESENTATION: Mineland Reclamations Grant Program - Project Showcase – City of Buhl Disc Golf Project	Elissa Hansen, President & CEO, Northspan Group, Inc.
9:50	PRESENTATION: US Steel Corporation Minnesota Ore Operations - Outlook Review and Update	Ryan Pervenanz City Administrator, Buhl
10:10	Networking Break for 15 Minutes	Larry Sutherland, General Manager - Minnesota Ore Operations at United States Steel Corporation

10:25	PRESENTATION: 2019 Legislative Debrief - Panel	Commissioner, Dept of Iron Range Resources Executive Director, Mining Minnesota President, Range Association of Municipalities and Schools	Mark Phillips Frank Ongaro Steve Giorgi,	Kelsey Johnson President, Iron Mining Association
11:25	PRESENTATION: IRRR 2019 STRATEGIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS			Mark Phillips, Commissioner, Dept. IRRR
11:40	Regional Group Action Progress Reports – Written Report Handouts Q & A Only			
	<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) ○ Cuyuna Range Area 			Doug Learmont, Coordinator Elissa Hansen, President & CEO, Northspan Group, Inc Melissa Cox, Executive Director, Laurentian Chamber John Fedo, CIRI Member Michael Burton and Kevin Egan, Cuyuna Range Representatives
11:45	Other Business Updates and Future Topics			Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Future Topics/Presentations Recommended by the LVP Coordinating Committee (Fall 2019)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Trails Development and Coordination (Postponed based on the status and timing of construction projects and plans being developed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Panel discussion format – Focus on minerals impact and sustainability – Trail planning ties to local and regional comprehensive plans and mine development plans – Coordination of trails development and grant support – Range-wide – Iron Range Tourism Bureau involved – ARDC update on St Louis/Koochiching County Trails Planning project introduced in spring 2018 – Projects demonstrations – Funding vehicles available ○ Panel Discussion by Area Mining Company Representatives on Iron Range Mining ○ Multiple Transportation Topics by Key Service Providers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Range Regional Airport – Duluth Superior Port Authority – Rail service by CN and BNSF and Captive Rail Project Update – MN DOT District Iron Range Projects Update – St Louis County Rail Study ○ Community mining focused/related project presentation – case study to be determined • <u>See Summary Handout of All Topics/Presentations as Suggestions for Future Meeting Consideration and Please Fill Out a Topics/Presenters Card with Your Ideas</u> 			

What's Next?

Facilitator

- Meeting Schedule Fall 2019
- Meeting date and agenda
 - **Coordinating Committee** – September 11, 2019
 - **Laurentian Vision Partnership** – October 23, 2019
- Wrap up announcements and conclusions

Representative from each work group and each sub-regional group

Noon **Adjourn Meeting to Optional Tour of Hibbing Mine View Site at 12:30pm**

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