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

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<td>PRESENTATION: Mineland Reclamations Grant Program - Project Showcase – City of Buhl Disc Golf Project</td>
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<td>Networking Break for 15 Minutes</td>
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### 10:25 PRESENTATION: 2019 Legislative Debrief - Panel

- Major outcomes
- Things that did not get done

**Panel Members:**
- Mark Phillips, Commissioner, Dept of Iron Range Resources
- Frank Ongaro, Executive Director, Mining Minnesota
- Steve Giorgi, President, Range Association of Municipalities and Schools
- 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**
- 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**

- **Future Topics/Presentations Recommended by the LVP Coordinating Committee (Fall 2019)**
  - Regional Trails Development and Coordination (Postponed based on the status and timing of construction projects and plans being developed)
    - 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:
    - 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

- **See Summary Handout of All Topics/Presentations as Suggestions for Future Meeting Consideration and Please Fill Out a Topics/Presenters Card with Your Ideas**
What’s Next?

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

Facilitator

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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