

Partnership Meeting LXXII
 Wednesday, October 16, 2019 (9:00 AM – Noon PM)
Minnesota Discovery Center – Taconite Square
 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 an overview of recent developments at the Range Regional Airport in Hibbing; a series of panel presentations and round table discussions exploring what’s been happening with Regional Trails development in terms of planning, why trails are a significant recreational resource, what are some of the challenges of development and sustaining new trails, and they’ll showcase the recently developed Redhead Mountain Bike Park in Chisholm; finally, we’ll learn about the Regional Rail Study and what its implications are for mining that was prepared by Krech & Ojard Associates for the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority.

Please note that we will continue to use a modified 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 Winter 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 Redhead Mountain Bike Park Trail Located Adjacent to the Mn Discovery Center which will begin at 12:10 at the site near the parking lot.

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 LXXI results and next steps (June-19) • Overview of the meeting objective and agenda 	
9:15	PRESENTATION: Range Regional Airport – Supporting Regional Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The airline terminal expansion and air service recognizing passenger growth not seen since the early 1990’s - Business development projects of Life Link III, Midwest Aircraft Refinishing and Detroit Diesel - Range Regional Airport Airpark - Certified “Shovel-Ready” by DEED and future land use development 	Shaun Germolus, Executive Director Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority

9:35	PRESENTATION: Regional Trails Development and Coordination – Panel Presentations and Round Table Discussion	Andy Hubley, Director, ARDC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance and results of trail plans in NE Minnesota - Trail tourism - Managing recreational uses on state lands - Why build mountain bike trails? Is there a saturation point, are they sustainable and what about maintenance needs and costs? - Community engagement, and economic and social opportunities - Challenges of building trails on future mining lands and resources - Tioga and Redhead successes and lessons so far - Round Table discussion and Q & A 	<p>Beth Pierce, Executive Director, Iron Range Tourism</p> <p>Patty Thielen, Regional Director, MnDNR Northeast Region</p> <p>Gary Sjoquist, Advocacy Director, Quality Bicycle Products</p> <p>Pete Kero, Senior Environmental Engineer, Barr Engineering</p> <p>Max Peters Director of City Operations, City of Cohasset</p> <p>Scott Linnenburger, Principal, Kay-Linn Enterprises</p> <p>All presenters and LVP Members</p>
11:00	Networking Break for 15 Minutes	
11:15	PRESENTATION: NE Minnesota Freight Rail Opportunity Study – Krech Ojard & Associates	Kevin Ehrenreich, Rail Consultant, Krech Ojard & Associates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the area study and its implications for mining 	
11:40	Regional Group Action Progress Reports – Written Report Handouts Q & A Only	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board (WMMPB) o East Range Joint Powers Board (ERJPB) o Quad Cities o Central Iron Range Initiative (CIRI) o Cuyuna Range Area 	<p>Doug Learmont, Coordinator</p> <p>Elissa Hansen, President & CEO, Northspan Group, Inc</p> <p>Melissa Cox, Executive Director, Laurentian Chamber</p> <p>John Fedo or Pete Kero, CIRI Member</p> <p>Michael Burton and Kevin Egan, Cuyuna Range Representatives</p>
11:45	Other Business Updates and Future Topics • <u>Future Topics/Presentations Recommended by the LVP Coordinating Committee (2020)</u>	Facilitator
	<p>Winter 2020 – Recommendations of the LVP Coordinating Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mine Pit Water Overflows at Three Mine Locations o Hibbing Taconite Update by Managing Partner, ArcelorMittal Representative o Mining Taxes Overview and Applications/Allocations for Iron Mining, Non-ferrous Mining and Other Mining o Prairie River Minerals Update on former Magnetation Properties and Restart of Scram Mining on the Western Mesabi Range. o Community Mining Focused/Related Project Presentation – case study to be determined 	

Spring 2020 – Recommendations of the LVP Coordinating Committee

- Area Mineland Reclamation Projects – preceding the American Society of Mining & Reclamation (ASMR) Conference being held in Duluth on June 7th - 11th, 2020
- Legislative Outcomes Briefing by Area Lobbyists After the Regular Session ends on May 18, 2020.
- **See Summary Handout of All Topics/Presentations as Suggestions for Future Meeting Consideration and Please Fill Out a Topics/Presenters Card with Your Ideas**

11:55	What's Next?	Facilitator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting Schedule Winter 2020• Meeting date and agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Coordinating Committee –December 11, 2019○ Laurentian Vision Partnership – January 29, 2020• Wrap up announcements and conclusions	Representative from each work group and each sub-regional group

Noon	Adjourn Meeting to Optional Tour of Redhead Mountain Bike Park Trail Located Adjacent to the Mn Discovery Center parking lot - 12:10pm	
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