

**Meeting of the
Iron Range Resources Board**

**Thursday, April 21, 2005
7:30 a.m.
Room 300 North – State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota**

I. Roll Call

Representative Tom Rukavina, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:32 a.m. Present: Representative David Dill; Representative Maxine Penas; Representative Tony Sertich; Representative Loren Solberg; Senator Tom Bakk; Senator Becky Lourey; Senator Tom Saxhaug; Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon; Senator David Tomassoni; Citizen Joe Begich; Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich. Absent: None. Also present were: Sandy Layman, Commissioner; Brian Hiti, Deputy Commissioner; Doug Gregor, Assistant Attorney General; Matt Sjoberg, Interim Development Strategies Director; Jean Dolensek, Administrative Services Director; Richard Anderson, Loan Officer, Senior; David Hart, Loan Officer, Senior; Richard Walsh, Community Development Representative; Sheryl Kochevar, Executive Assistant; Elwyn Tinklenberg, President, The Tinklenberg Group; Merle Sampson, CEO and Owner, Spectrum Community Health; Scott Allison, Owner and President, Minnesota Twist Drill; Brian Erdahl, President, Rapids Hydraulic & Machine, Inc.; Thomas Ehrbright, Owner and Chief Operating Officer, Disability Specialists, Inc.; Peter Pastika, City Administrator, City of Babbitt; Rick Mouw, President, Great Lakes Home and Resort; Pat Blacker, Regional Director, Northwest Airlines – Iron Range Reservation Center; Steve Childs, Director, State and Local Government Affairs, Northwest Airlines; and Jeff Davidman, Manager, Insurance and Municipal Finance, Northwest Airlines.

II. Reorganization of the Board

Welcome and introductions of the 2005-2006 IRRR Board Members.

2005-2006 IRRR Board Members

Senator Tom Bakk	Representative Dave Dill	Citizen Joe Begich
Senator Becky Lourey	Representative Maxine Penas	Citizen Matt Matasich
Senator Tom Saxhaug	Representative Tom Rukavina	Citizen Bill Henning
Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon	Representative Tony Sertich	
Senator Dave Tomassoni	Representative Loren Solberg	

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion by Citizen Begich to elect Senator Dave Tomassoni Chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Representative Sertich to elect Representative Loren Solberg Vice-Chair.
Motion carried.

III. Approval of the December 16, 2004, Minutes

Representative Solberg moved approval of the December 16, 2004, minutes. Motion carried.

IV. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Sandy Layman reported on the status of the Commissioner's project account. She also discussed new agency initiatives that are assisting area communities with pursuing healthcare and airport projects.

V. Other

a. Elwyn Tinklenberg updated the Board on the progress of his demonstration project, "The Introduction of Mesabi Hard Rock into the Twin Cities Aggregate Market." Mr. Tinklenberg requested additional agency assistance in moving this project forward.

b. Merle Sampson, CEO and Owner, Spectrum Community Health, requested agency assistance in marketing his building, Progress Park Business Center, for lease or sale.

VI. Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund

Action Required: Project approval requires 8 votes

a. Minnesota Twist Drill Acquisition, Inc.

Motion by Representative Sertich to approve the Minnesota Twist Drill Acquisition, Inc. project as presented. Seconded by Representative Rukavina. Motion carried.

Voting in favor of the Project: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Voting Against the Project: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

b. Rapids Hydraulic & Machine, Inc.

Motion by Representative Solberg to approve the Rapids Hydraulic & Machine, Inc. project as presented. Seconded by Senator Saxhaug. Motion carried.

Voting in favor of the Project: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Voting Against the Project: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

c. Disability Specialists, Inc.

Motion by Senator Bakk to approve the Disability Specialists, Inc. project as presented. Seconded by Representative Dill. Motion carried.

Voting in favor of the Project: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Voting Against the Project: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

VII. Board Account

Action Required: Project approval requires 7 votes

a. City of Babbitt – Great Lakes Home & Resort

Motion by Representative Dill to approve the City of Babbitt – Great Lakes Home & Resort project as presented. Seconded by Representative Rukavina. Motion carried.

Voting in favor of the Project: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Voting Against the Project: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

b. Healthcare Provider Workforce Development and Recruitment Proposal

Motion by Senator Lourey to approve the Healthcare Provider Workforce Development and Recruitment proposal as presented. Seconded by Representative Rukavina. Motion carried.

Voting in favor of the Project: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Voting Against the Project: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

VIII. Other

a. Northwest Airlines, Inc.

Motion by Senator Bakk to approve the Northwest Airlines, Inc. Resolution FY05-002 as presented. Seconded by Representative Rukavina. Motion carried.

Voting in favor of the Project: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey, Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Voting Against the Project: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Senator Tom Saxhaug and Representative Tony Sertich (excused from Board meeting to attend legislative hearings).

IX. Adjournment

Senator Tomassoni, Chair, asked Board members to forward indications of interest for appointment to Board liaison groups.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.