

**Meeting of the
Iron Range Resources Board**

**Monday, September 11, 2006
11:00 a.m.**

**Iron Range Resources Administration Building
Eveleth, Minnesota**

I. Roll Call

Senator David Tomassoni, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:07 a.m. Present: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich. Absent: Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey and Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon. Also present were: Sandy Layman, Commissioner; Brian Hiti, Deputy Commissioner; Gunnar Johnson, Assistant Attorney General; Doug Gregor, Assistant Attorney General; Matt Sjoberg, Development Strategies Director; Jean Dolensek, Chief Financial Officer; Marianne Bouska, Ironworld Discovery Center Director; Dave Hart, Loan Officer, Senior; Sheryl Kochevar, Executive Assistant; Laureen Hall, Executive Assistant; Annette Maki, Executive Assistant; Alison Perry, Information Officer III; Jim Skalski, Chief Financial Officer, Industrial Rubber Products; Dave Danielson, Director, Chisholm/Hibbing Airport Authority; Rick Bradford, City Administrator, City of Hoyt Lakes; Jack Ryan, Ironworld Development Corporation; Brian Kolner, Ironworld Development Corporation; Tom Reagan, Northern Lights Music Festival; and Tom Gillach, Northern Lights Music Festival.

II. Approval of the June 15, 2006, Minutes

Representative Penas moved approval of the June 15, 2006, minutes. Seconded by Representative Dill. Motion carried.

III. Taconite Area Environmental Protection Fund

Action Required: Project approval requires 7 votes

a. Industrial Rubber Products

Motion by Representative Sertich to approve the Industrial Rubber Products project as presented for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. Seconded by Representative Dill. Motion carried.

Voting in Favor of the Motion: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Voting Against the Motion: None.

Abstain: Representative Loren Solberg.

Absent: Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey and Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon.

b. City of Hoyt Lakes – Laskin Energy Park

Motion by Representative Rukavina to approve the City of Hoyt Lakes – Laskin Energy Park project as presented for an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Seconded by Citizen Begich. Motion carried.

Voting in Favor of the Motion: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Voting Against the Motion: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey and Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon.

c. Chisholm/Hibbing Airport Authority

Motion by Representative Sertich to approve the Chisholm/Hibbing Airport Authority project as presented for an amount not to exceed \$835,000. Seconded by Representative Solberg. Motion carried.

Voting in Favor of the Motion: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Voting Against the Motion: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey and Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon.

IV. Ironworld Lease/Management Agreement Term Sheet

Action Required: Project approval requires 7 votes

Motion by Representative Sertich to approve the Ironworld Lease/Management Agreement Term Sheet as presented. Seconded by Representative Rukavina. Motion carried.

Voting in Favor of the Motion: Representative David Dill, Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich, Citizen Bill Henning and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Voting Against the Motion: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey and Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon.

V. Resolution 07-001

Action Required: Project approval requires 7 votes

Motion by Representative Sertich to approve Resolution No. 07-001 which supports amending the Motorplex Project Public Entities Memorandum of Understanding Agreement to extend the deadline for financing to September 4, 2007. Seconded by Representative Solberg. Motion carried.

Voting in Favor of the Motion: Representative Maxine Penas, Representative Tom Rukavina, Representative Tony Sertich, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Representative Loren Solberg, Senator David Tomassoni, Citizen Joe Begich and Citizen Bill Henning.

Voting Against the Motion: Representative David Dill and Citizen Matt Matasich.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Senator Tom Bakk, Senator Becky Lourey and Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon.

**IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION BOARD
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
MOTORPLEX PROJECT RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 07-001

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2003, Iron Range Resources (“Agency”) entered into a Motorplex Project Public Entities Memorandum of Understanding (“the Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Motorplex Project financing was to be in place by September 4, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (“IRRRB”) wants to amend the Agreement to extend the deadline for financing by one year; and

WHEREAS, in order for this extension to become effective, all of the signatories to the Agreement (including the Agency) will need to execute an amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the IRRRB supports amending the Agreement to extend the deadline for financing to September 4, 2007.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION BOARD THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Senator Tom Bakk				X
Senator Becky Lourey				X
Senator Tom Saxhaug	X			
Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon				X
Senator Dave Tomassoni	X			
Representative Dave Dill		X		
Representative Maxine Penas	X			
Representative Tom Rukavina	X			
Representative Tony Sertich	X			
Representative Loren Solberg	X			
Citizen Joe Begich	X			
Citizen Bill Henning	X			
Citizen Matt Matasich		X		
TOTAL				

Signed: _____
 Senator David Tomassoni, Chair

VI. Other
a. Northern Lights Music Festival Program

Tom Reagan and Tom Gillach presented information regarding the Northern Lights Music Festival Program conducted on the Iron Range each summer since 2003. They formally requested that the Commissioner and Board review their request of forgiveness of debt accrued at the Giants Ridge Golf and Ski Resort this past summer as a means to support their fledgling program. Commissioner Layman recommended Iron Range Resources meet with the Northern Lights Music Festival committee to review their project.

b. Other items

Discussion also took place on a number of other items including road access through the agency's administrative headquarters property in Fayal Township, scheduling of a Public Works Liaison meeting and the request for an update on the position of the Assistant to the Commissioner located in St. Paul.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.