



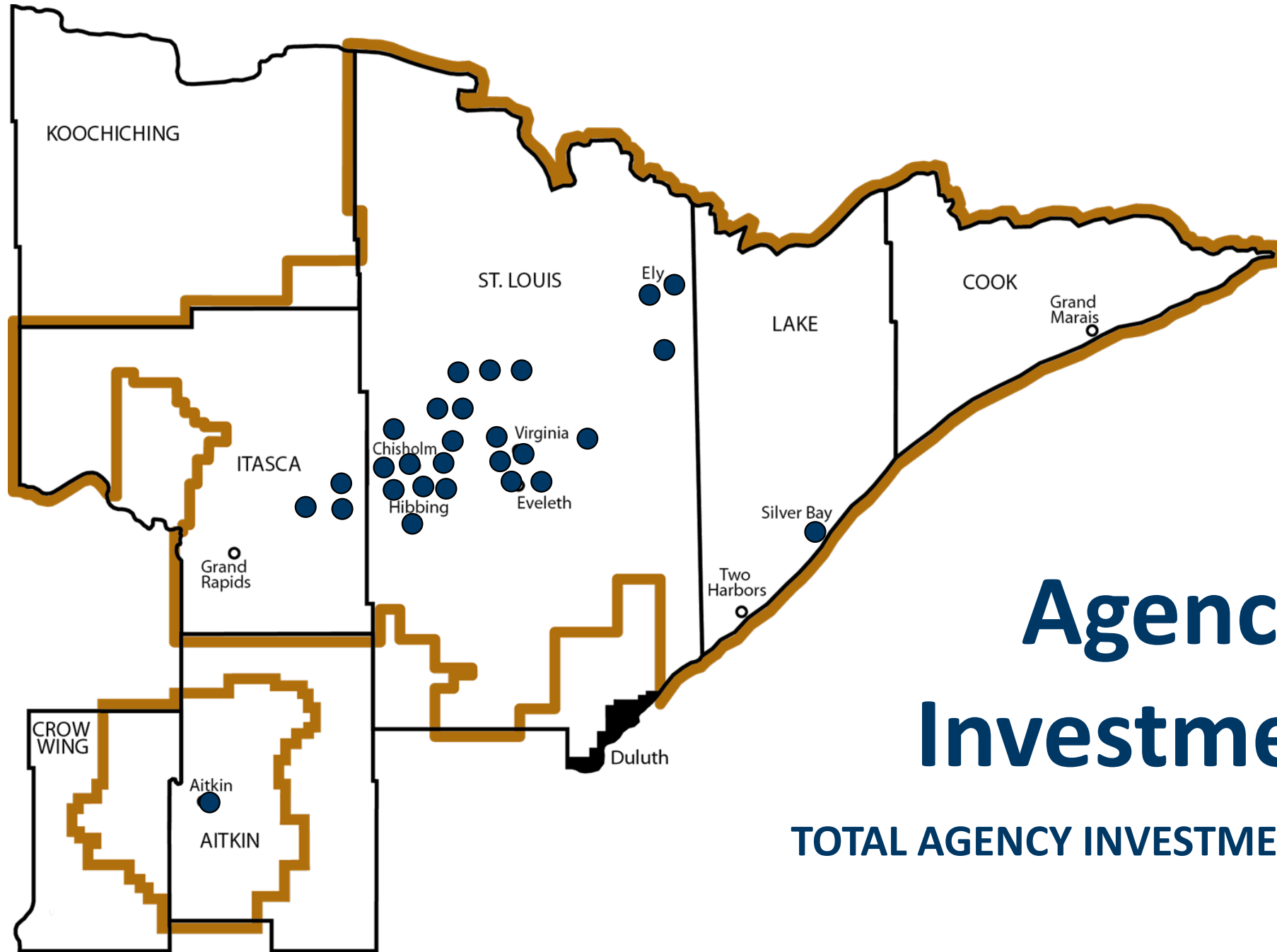
**Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 4, 2025 | 3:30 p.m.**



# AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of September 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes  
*See Addendum A*
- IV. Commissioner's Comments
- V. Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District Board Appointment
- VI. Business Development Project
- VII. Taconite Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Projects
- VIII. Iron Range Higher Education Account
- IX. Broadband Infrastructure Projects
- X. Housing Projects
- XI. Public Works Projects
- XII. Other
- XIII. Adjournment





# Agency Investments

**TOTAL AGENCY INVESTMENT \$18,807,132**

# Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District Board Appointment

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# Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District Appointment

## Purpose

Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District (CIRSSD) was established in its current form pursuant to the Laws of Minnesota - 2009, Chapter 122, Sections 2-21, and is governed by a board comprised of three members appointed by the city of Chisholm, two members appointed by the city of Buhl, one member appointed by the city of Kinney, one member appointed by Great Scott Township and one member appointed by the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) Board on behalf of the Minnesota Discovery Center (MDC) development area.

The CIRSSD board member appointed by the IRRR Board serves a three-year term.

## ***Resolution No. 26-007***



## Business Development Projects

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# Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating Inc./Sturgeon River Properties LLC

**Agency Investment:** \$1,298,100

**Total Project Investment:** \$4,650,000

**Number of Jobs:**

Planned New: 4

Retained: 23

**Project:** Purchase Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricating Inc.



***Resolution No. 26-008***

# Taconite Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Projects

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# Taconite Economic Development Fund (TEDF)

The TEDF authorizes funds to Minnesota's taconite producers for:

- Workforce development.
- Concurrent reclamation.
- Plant and stationary mining equipment.
- Facilities for the producer.
- Research and development in Minnesota on new mining, taconite, iron or steel production technology.

Number of Projects: 6

TEDF Rebate: **\$6,786,987**

Total Project Investment: **\$15,000,000**



# Cleveland-Cliffs Hibbing Taconite Mining Company

**TEDF Rebate:** \$1,480,318

**Total Project Investment:** \$3,000,000

**Project 1:** Tailings storage facility buttressing.

**Project 2:** Filter cake stockpile discharge conveyor replacement.



# Cleveland-Cliffs Northshore Mining Company

**TEDF Rebate: \$786,741**

**Total Project Investment: \$1,600,000**

**Project: Stream restoration.**





# United States Steel Keetac

**TEDF Rebate:** \$1,282,372

**Total Project Investment:** \$3,400,000

**Project 1:** Tailings basin phase 1 perimeter rise.

**Project 2:** Replacement of four wet scrubber dust collection units.

**Tailings Basin Rise**



**Dust Collectors**



# United States Steel Minntac

**TEDF Rebate:** \$3,237,556

**Total Project Investment:** \$7,000,000

**Project:** Cutoff wall design  
and development work.



# TEDF Projects

Mining Company	TEDF Rebate	Total Project Investment
Cleveland-Cliffs Hibbing Taconite	\$1,480,318	\$3,000,000
Cleveland-Cliffs Northshore Mining Company	\$786,741	\$1,600,000
United States Steel Keetac	\$1,282,372	\$3,400,000
United States Steel Minntac	\$3,237,556	\$7,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,786,987</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>

***Resolution No. 26-009***



# Iron Range Higher Education Account

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# Iron Range Higher Education Account

## Purpose

The Iron Range Higher Education Committee (IRHEC) advises the commissioner on providing higher education programs to the service area.

Programs are funded by five cents of the Taconite Production Tax that are placed in the Iron Range Higher Education Account.

Upon approval by the IRHEC and recommendation of the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board, the Commissioner approves expenditures from the account.



# Iron Range Higher Education Projects

Programs	Total Agency Investment
Greenhouse research lab.	\$200,000
Enrollment growth initiative year one.	\$120,000
Program redesigns for artificial intelligence technology.	\$450,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$770,000</b>



***Resolution No. 26-010***



# Broadband Infrastructure

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# Broadband Infrastructure Projects

## Purpose

Broadband Infrastructure grants assist projects that help households and businesses reach the state of Minnesota broadband speed goal.

## Economic Impact

Number of Infrastructure Projects: **2**

Agency Investment: **\$913,000**

Total Investment: **\$3,874,018**

Households Served: **292**



# Paul Bunyan Communications

**Agency Investment: \$600,000**

**Total Project Investment: \$1,787,069**

- 146 unserved and underserved.
- Field, Alango and Sturgeon Townships.
- Construction is planned to be completed in fall 2026.





# Paul Bunyan Communications

**Agency Investment: \$313,000**

**Total Project Investment: \$2,086,949**

- 146 unserved and underserved.
- City of Cook, Marble, Keewatin and Hibbing.
- Construction is planned to be complete in fall 2027.

***Resolution No. 26-011***

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## Housing

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# Housing

## Purpose

Housing grants assist projects or programs that result in the creation of new housing units or the rehabilitation of existing housing units. The program will support housing solutions that align with local priorities and regional employer's needs.

## Economic Impact

Number of Projects: **2**

Agency Investment: **\$2,122,000**

Total Project Investment: **\$26,442,498**

New Housing Units: **56**

Number of Project Increases: **2**

Agency Investment Increase: **\$2,250,000**

Total Project Investment Increase: **\$2,058,512**



# Housing Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
City of Buhl	Demolition, site preparation and construction for an eight-unit apartment building.	\$650,000	<b>\$1,850,000</b>
Center City Housing Corp.	Replace blighted housing units located at Haven Court Apartments.	\$1,472,000	<b>\$24,592,498</b>



# Housing Project Amendments

Grantee	Project Description	Grant Increase	Original Grant
City of Babbitt	Infrastructure development to support 18 single-family lots, one site for up to 12 twin/townhomes and one site for a multi-family apartment building.	\$450,000	<b>\$1,450,000</b>
City of Chisholm	Infrastructure development to support up to 25 new single-family, market-rate homes.	\$1,800,000	<b>\$500,000</b>

***Resolution No. 26-012***

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# Public Works

## Purpose

Public Works grants support local and Tribal governments with infrastructure funding that provides essential services and promotes economic development.

## Economic Impact

Number of Projects: **9**

Agency Investment: **\$4,667,045**

Total Project Investment: **\$36,271,171**



# Public Works Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
City of Aitkin	Wastewater treatment facility upgrades.	\$500,000	<b>\$6,040,646</b>
City of Biwabik	Upgrades to city hall and pavilion.	\$383,500	<b>\$415,400</b>
City of Chisholm	Road reconstruction and infrastructure improvements.	\$400,000	<b>\$2,250,298</b>
Cook Hospital	Purchase and install two new gas hot water boiler systems.	\$500,000	<b>\$4,180,800</b>
City of Ely	Road reconstruction and infrastructure improvements.	\$150,000	<b>\$1,009,607</b>



# Public Works Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
City of Eveleth	Replacing aging and failing sanitary sewer force main.	\$100,000	\$558,479
City of Eveleth	Community center improvements including roof repair and elevator upgrades.	\$133,545	\$267,090
Hibbing Public Utilities Commission	Replacing and installing 3.5 miles of water main and replacing, relocating or adding 74 valves.	\$1,000,000	\$13,706,174
City of Virginia	Upgrades to city infrastructure and buildings.	\$1,500,000	\$7,842,677

## ***Resolution No. 26-013***

# THANK YOU

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