

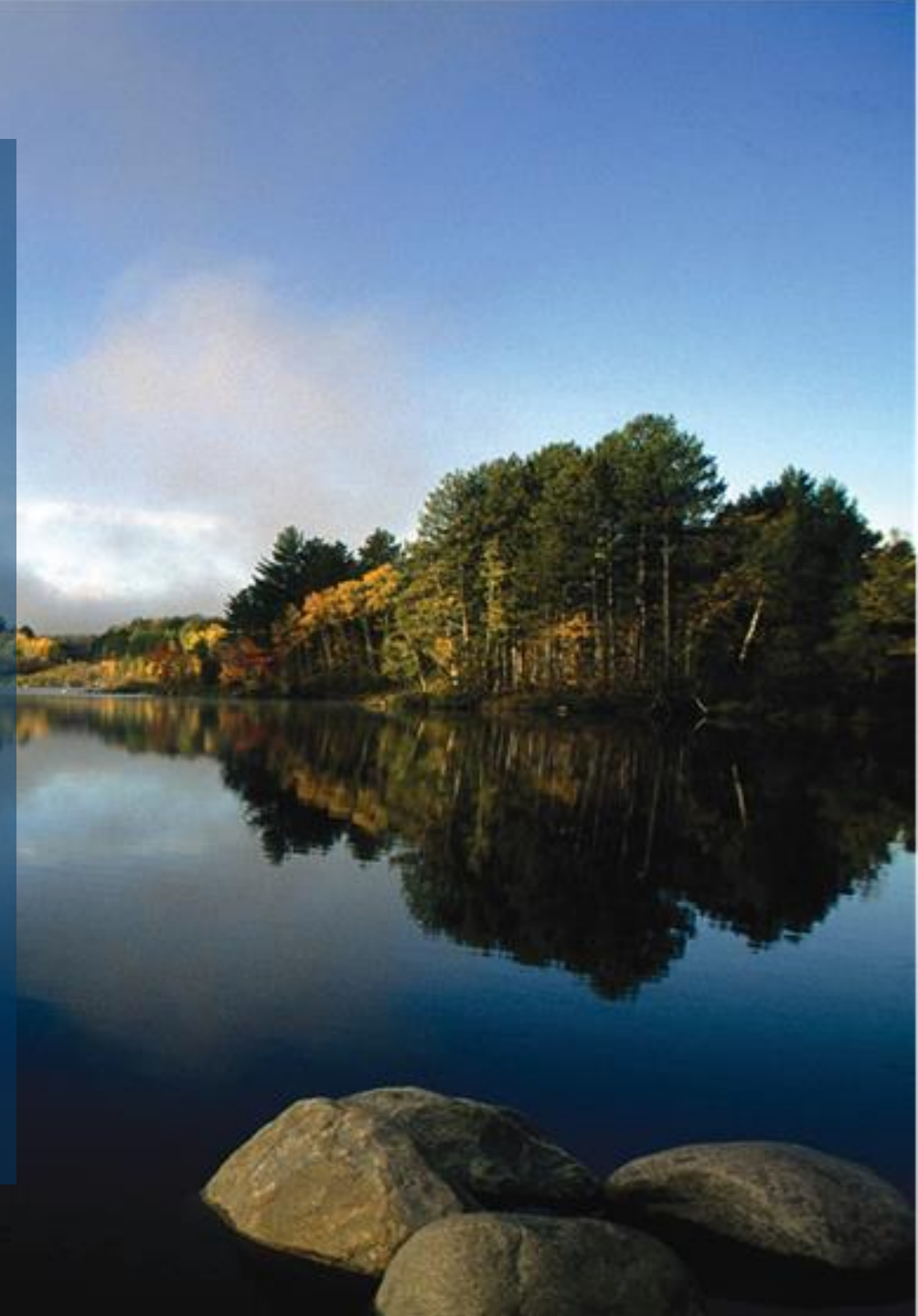


DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES & REHABILITATION

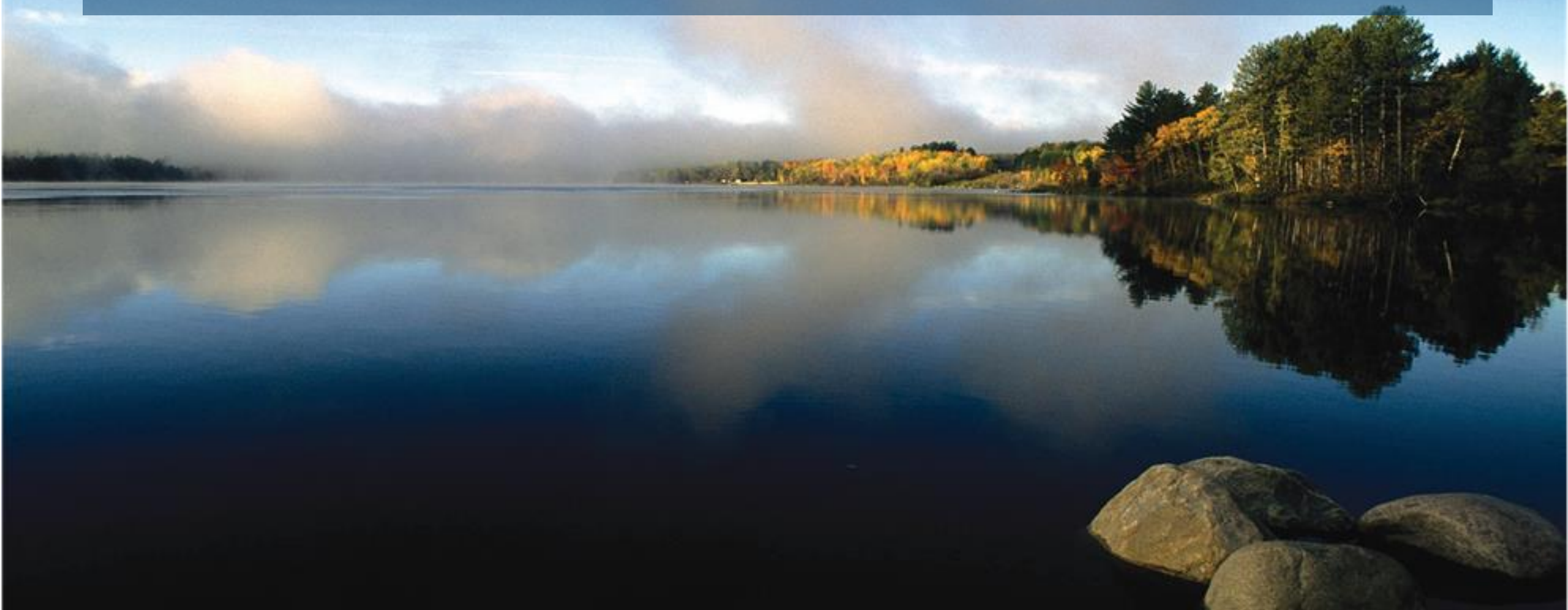
Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the September 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- IV. Commissioner Comments
- V. Taconite Economic Development Fund
- VI. Business Development Projects
- VII. FY22 Development, Broadband & Community Infrastructure Projects
- VIII. FY22 Regional Trails Projects
- IX. Iron Range Higher Education Account
- X. Iron Range School Collaboration Fund
- XI. Adjournment



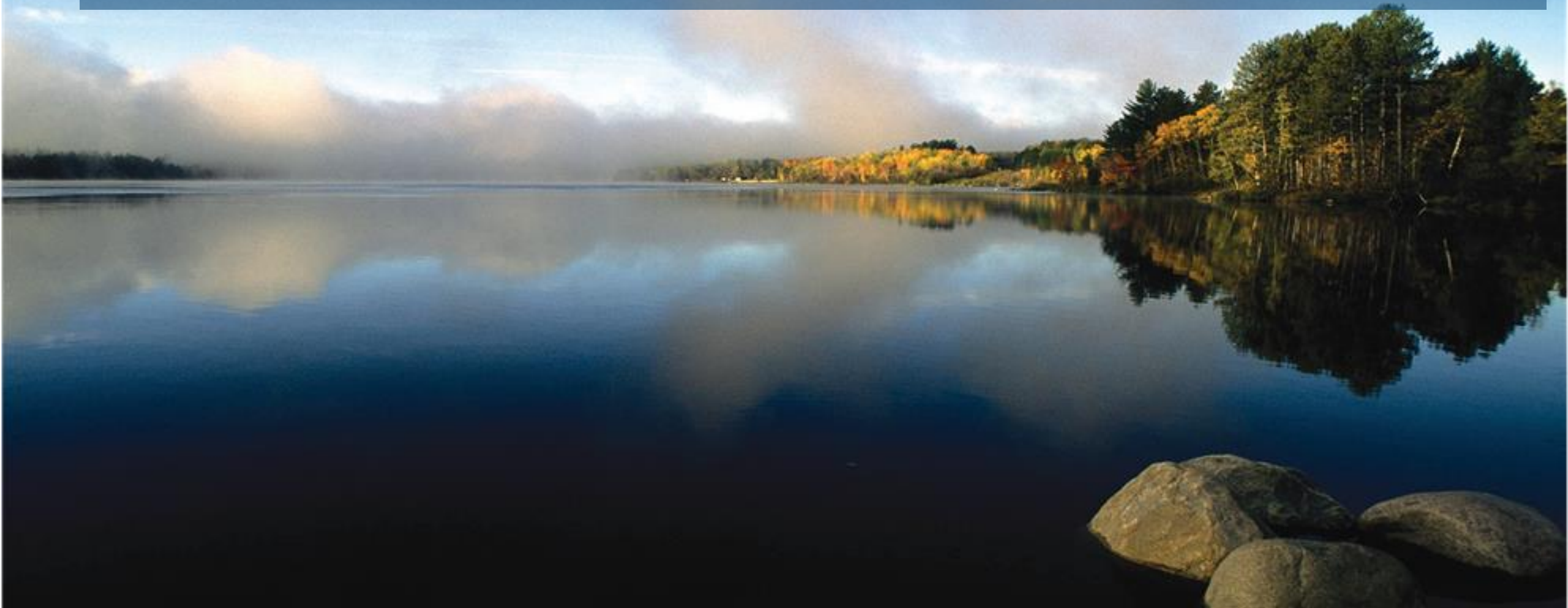
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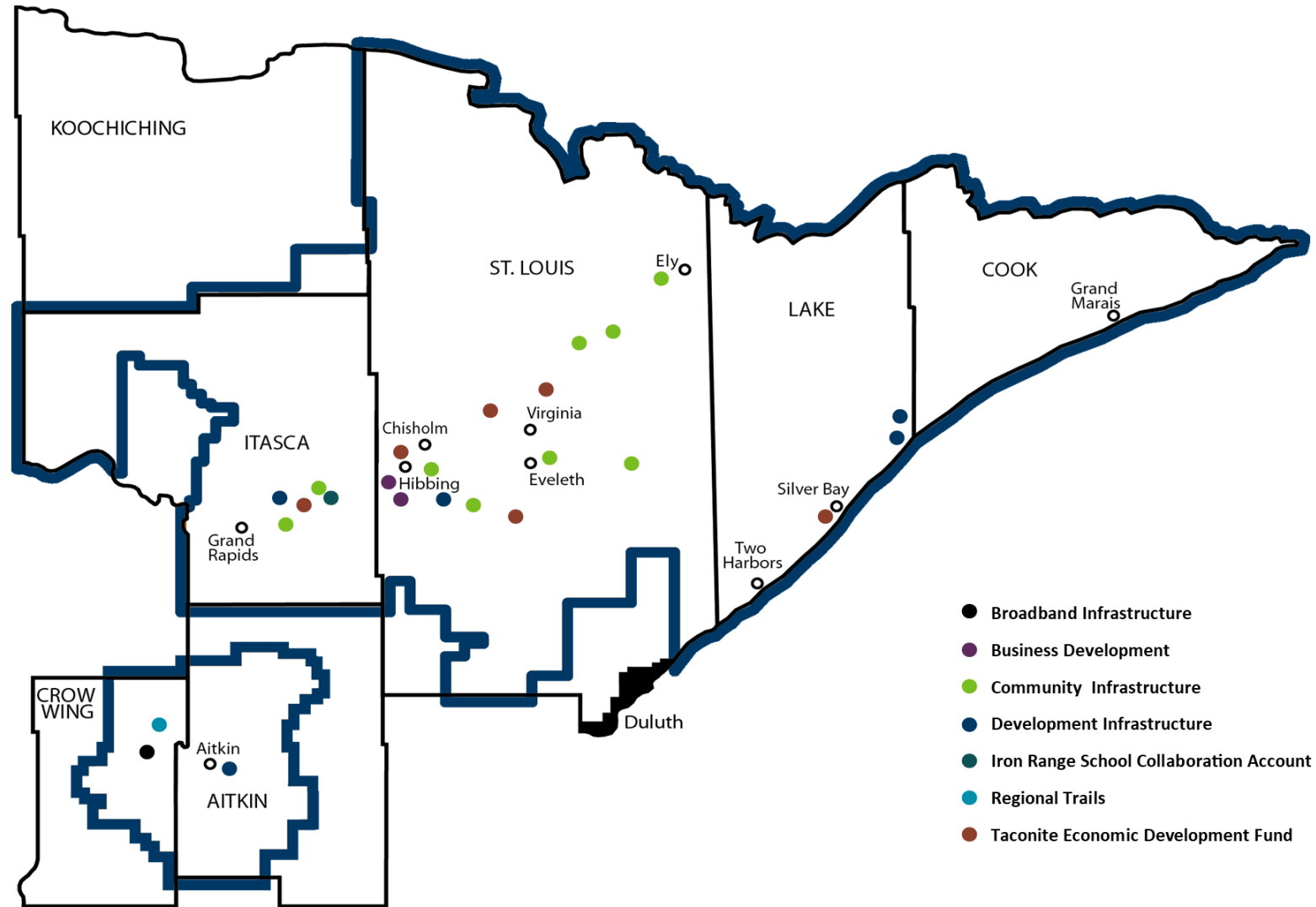
IRRR Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - 1:30 p.m.

Program	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
TEDF	\$7,273,127	\$21,041,000
Business Development	\$3,500,000	\$15,214,339
FY22 Infrastructure (Development, Broadband, Community)	\$4,075,850	\$50,304,832
FY22 Regional Trails	\$29,000	\$58,185
Iron Range Higher Education	\$1,440,000	\$2,471,800
Iron Range School Collaboration	\$18,000,000	\$65,685,121
TOTAL	\$34,317,977	\$157,775,277

IRRR Board Meeting

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TACONITE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

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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.

Minnesota Statute: 298.227

TEDF Rebate: \$7,273,127

Total Project Investment: \$21,041,000



Minorca - TEDF



TEDF: \$650,958

Total Project Investment: \$4,581,000

Project: Ball Mill Replacement



NorthShore Mining - TEDF



TEDF: \$1,223,159

Total Project Investment: \$4,700,000

**Project: 167 Pellet Yard Reclaim
Conveyor**



United Taconite - TEDF



TEDF: \$1,260,702

Total Project Investment: \$2,600,000

Project 1: Mill Lines 1, 2 and 3 Finisher Upgrade (magnetic separators)

Project 2: Concentrate Bin Flow Improvements



USS Keetac - TEDF



United States Steel

TEDF: \$1,016,301

Total Project Investment: \$2,160,000

Project 1: Keetac Tailings Basin Decant Replacement

Project 2: Keetac Vehicle Lift

Project 3: Keetac Mine Extension



USS Minntac - TEDF



United States Steel

TEDF: \$3,122,007

Total Project Investment: \$7,000,000

Project 1: Minntac Lines 5 & 6 Pre-Classification

Project 2: – Minntac Mine Extension

Project 3: Minntac New Track Scale

Project 4: Minntac Indurating Line 6 Grate



TEDF Projects

Mining Company	TEDF Rebate	Total Project Investment	Board Resolution
Minorca	\$650,958	\$4,581,000	<i>Resolution No. 22-006</i>
Northshore Mining Company	\$1,223,159	\$4,700,000	<i>Resolution No. 22-007</i>
United Taconite Mining Company	\$1,260,702	\$2,600,000	<i>Resolution No. 22-008</i>
USS Keetac	\$1,016,301	\$2,160,000	<i>Resolution No. 22-009</i>
USS Minntac	\$3,122,007	\$7,000,000	<i>Resolution No. 22-010</i>
TOTAL	\$7,273,127	\$21,041,000	

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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FY22 Business Development Projects

Purpose

- Business assistance programs are focused on helping businesses retain and grow jobs, expand, and diversify northeastern Minnesota's economy

Economic Impact

- # of Business Projects: 2
- Agency Investment: \$3,500,000
- Total Investment: \$15,214,338.85
- # of Jobs: Retained: 19.5 Created: 32

Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority

Agency Investment: \$2,500,000

Total Project Investment: \$6,349,138.85

**# of Jobs Retained: 10.5
Created: 2**

Project: Build a 21,912 square foot multi-use hangar that will house a locally owned company, Premium Air, LLC, to provide on-demand charter service, and it will also provide daily rental space for larger aircraft that visit the area.

Resolution No. 22-011



Scranton Iron, Inc. (dba Hibbing Salvage & Supply)

Agency Investment: \$1,000,000

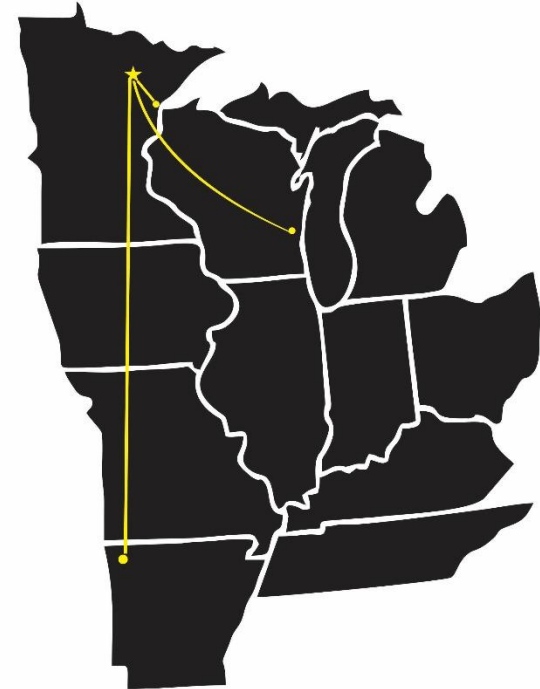
Total Project Investment: \$8,865,200

of Jobs Retained: 9
Created: 30

Project: Expand to a full-service recycling hub with the goal of becoming a 36-car dual spur rail loadout facility for non-ferrous, ferrous, automobiles, non-magnetic & specialty alloys that markets directly to foundries and steel mills.

Resolution No. 22-012

Example of Scranton's distribution.



FY22 Business Development Projects

Business	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority	\$2,500,000	\$6,349,138.85
Scranton Iron, Inc. (dba Hibbing Salvage & Supply)	\$1,000,000	\$8,865,200.00
TOTAL	\$3,500,000	\$15,214,338.85

FY22 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

(Development, Broadband, Community)

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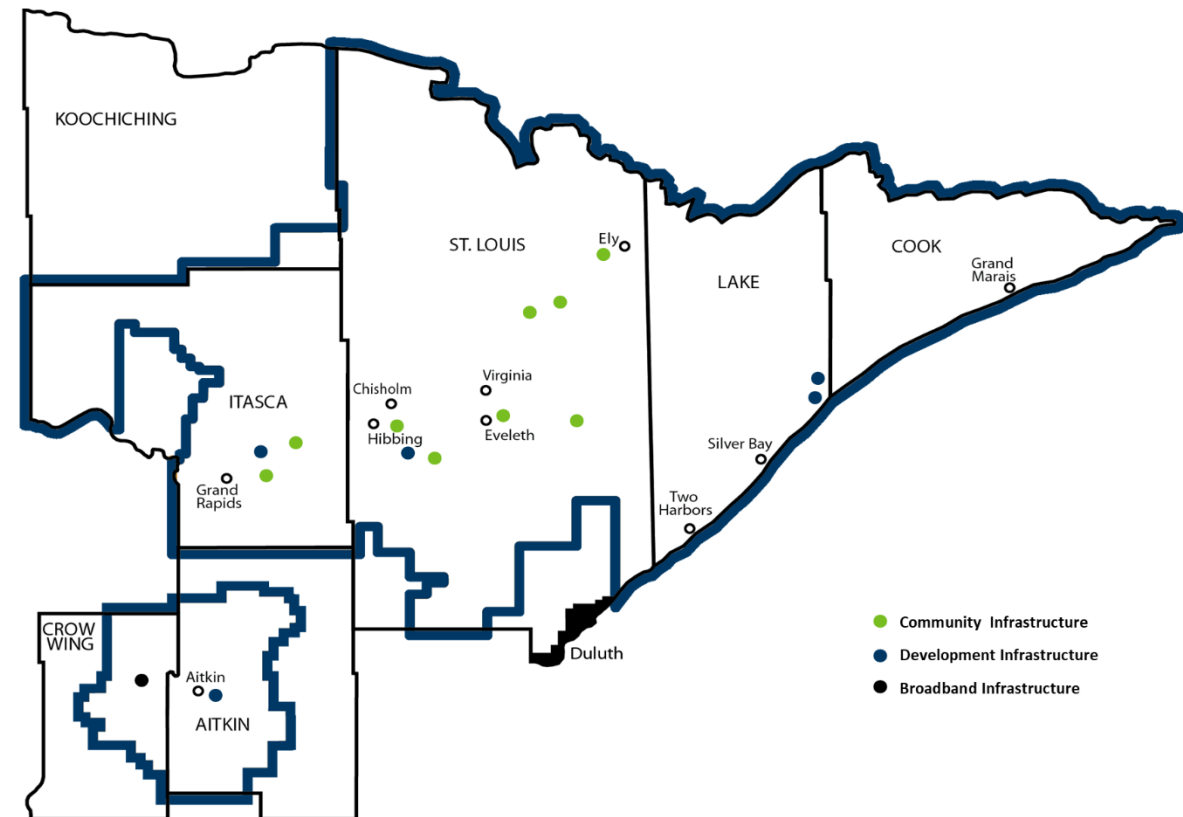
FY22 Infrastructure Projects

Purpose

- Development Infrastructure grants assist communities with projects that support economic development.
- Broadband Infrastructure grants assist communities with projects that support households and businesses reach the State of Minnesota broadband Speed Goal.
- Community Infrastructure grants assist communities with projects that support residential and public facility development.

Economic Impact

- # of Infrastructure Projects: 15
- Agency Investment: \$4,075,850
- Total Investment: \$50,304,832
- Leverage: 1:11



City of Aitkin

Agency Investment: \$323,000

Total Project Investment: \$8,348,050

Project: Infrastructure and site work for the construction of a new 35-unit market-rate apartment complex with underground parking. The location for the apartment development is near the hospital and other industrial employers and will help address workforce housing needs in Aitkin.



City of Cohasset

Agency Investment: \$80,000

Total Project Investment: \$316,000

Project: Water main extension to serve residential homes and a business expansion in Cohasset. The watermain project supports McCoy Construction & Forestry Dealership's 15,000 square foot new building expansion, which will retain 10 jobs and create four new jobs.



Cook County/Grand Marais EDA

Agency Investment: \$450,000

Total Project Investment: \$5,350,000



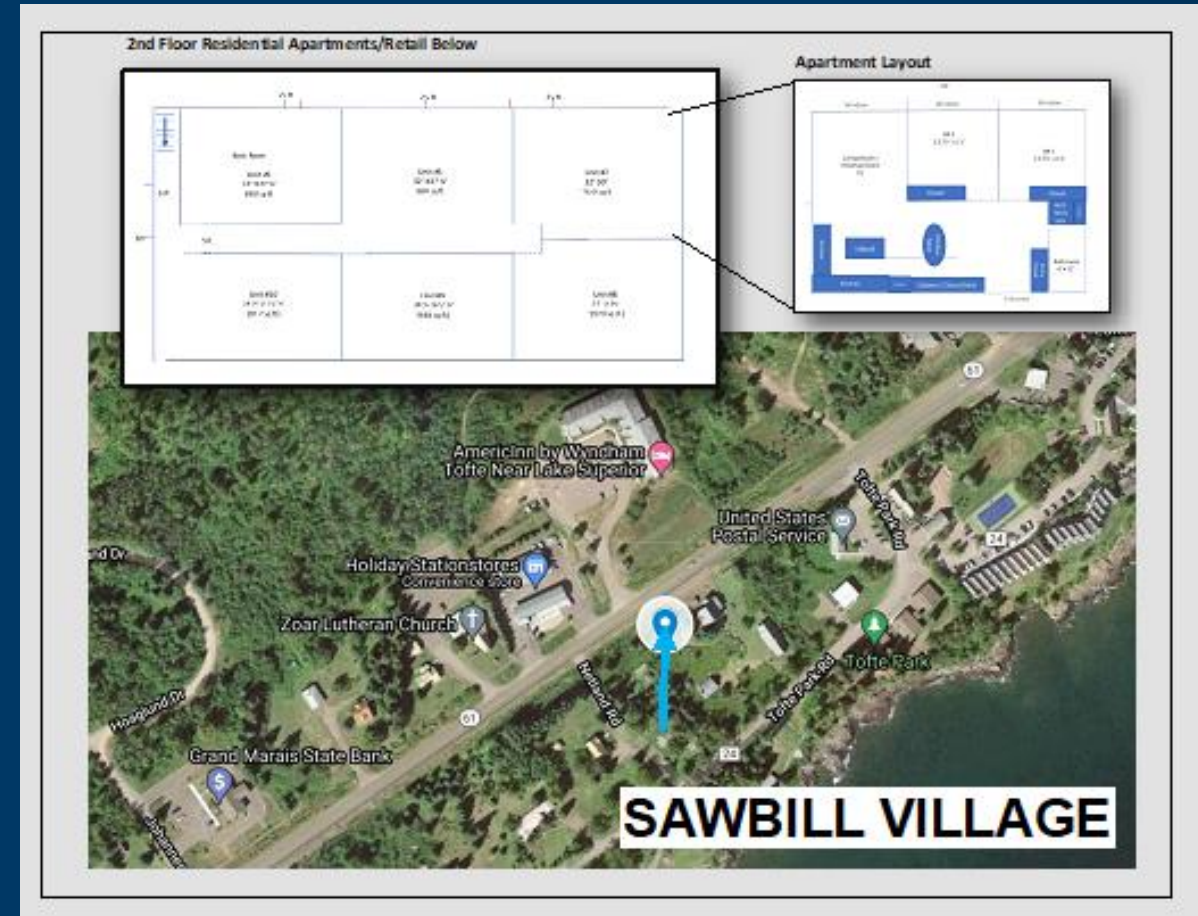
Project: Infrastructure and site work for a mixed used development in Tofte. The two new facilities will total 21,000 square feet and will house 14 apartments and six commercial retail spaces. The project will help address critical workforce housing needs in the region.

Cook County/Grand Marais EDA

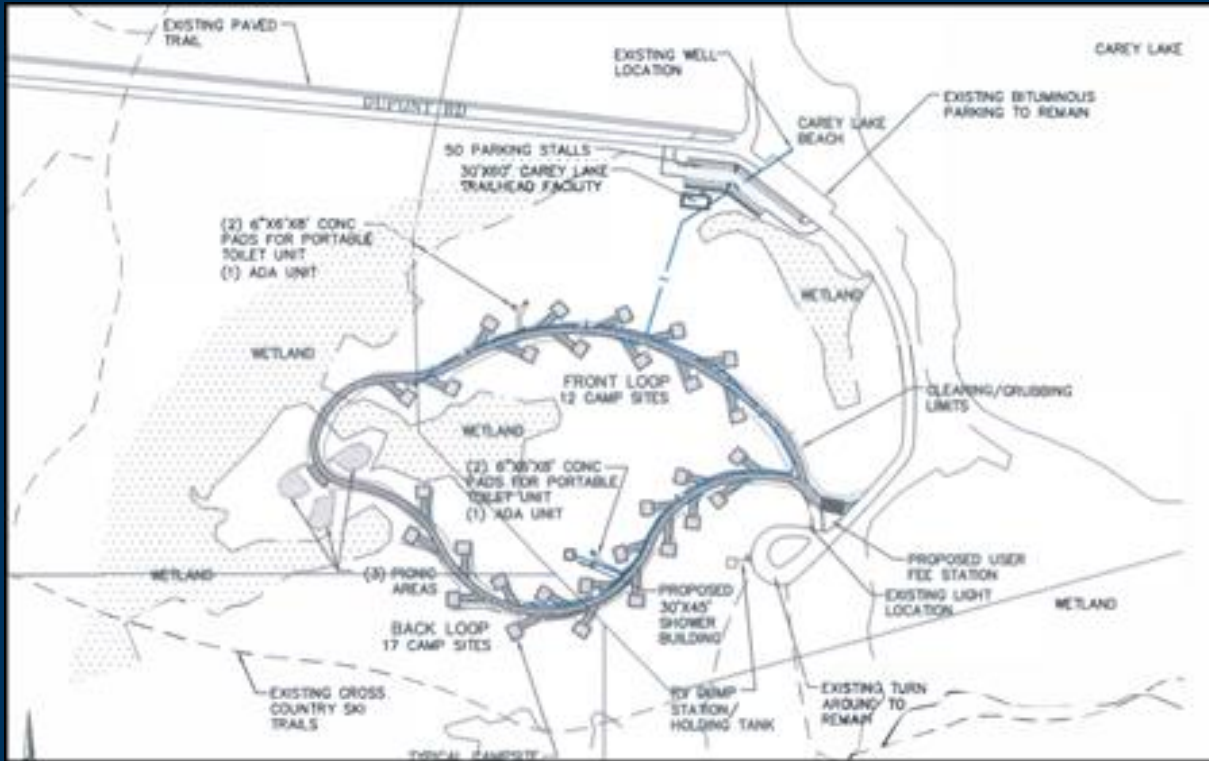
Agency Investment: \$500,000

Total Project Investment: \$3,424,378

Project: Infrastructure and site work for a mixed used development in Tofte. The new facility will total 18,000 square feet and will house six apartments and four commercial retail spaces. The project will help address critical workforce housing needs in the region.



City of Hibbing



Agency Investment: \$250,000

Total Project Investment: \$1,072,600

Project: Infrastructure and site work for the development of a new city-owned campground. Located on Carey Lake the campground will provide 29 RV and tenting sites with water and electrical service. The campground will also have a new shower facility and RV dump site.

Development Infrastructure Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
City of Aitkin	Infrastructure & site work for construction of new 35-unit apartment complex.	\$323,000	\$8,348,050
City of Cohasset	Watermain extension to serve residential homes and a business expansion.	\$80,000	\$316,000
Cook County/Grand Marais EDA	Infrastructure & site work for a mixed use development.	\$450,000	\$5,350,000
Cook County/Grand Marais EDA	Infrastructure & site work for a mixed use development.	\$500,000	\$3,424,378
City of Hibbing	Infrastructure and site work for the development of a new city-owned campground.	\$250,000	\$1,072,600

Broadband Infrastructure Projects



Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
CTC Communications – Cuyuna Range Broadband Expansion Project: Crow Wing County	Expand CTC Communications fiber optic broadband network to serve 500 unserved and underserved households in rural Crow Wing County.	\$742,850	\$5,786,493



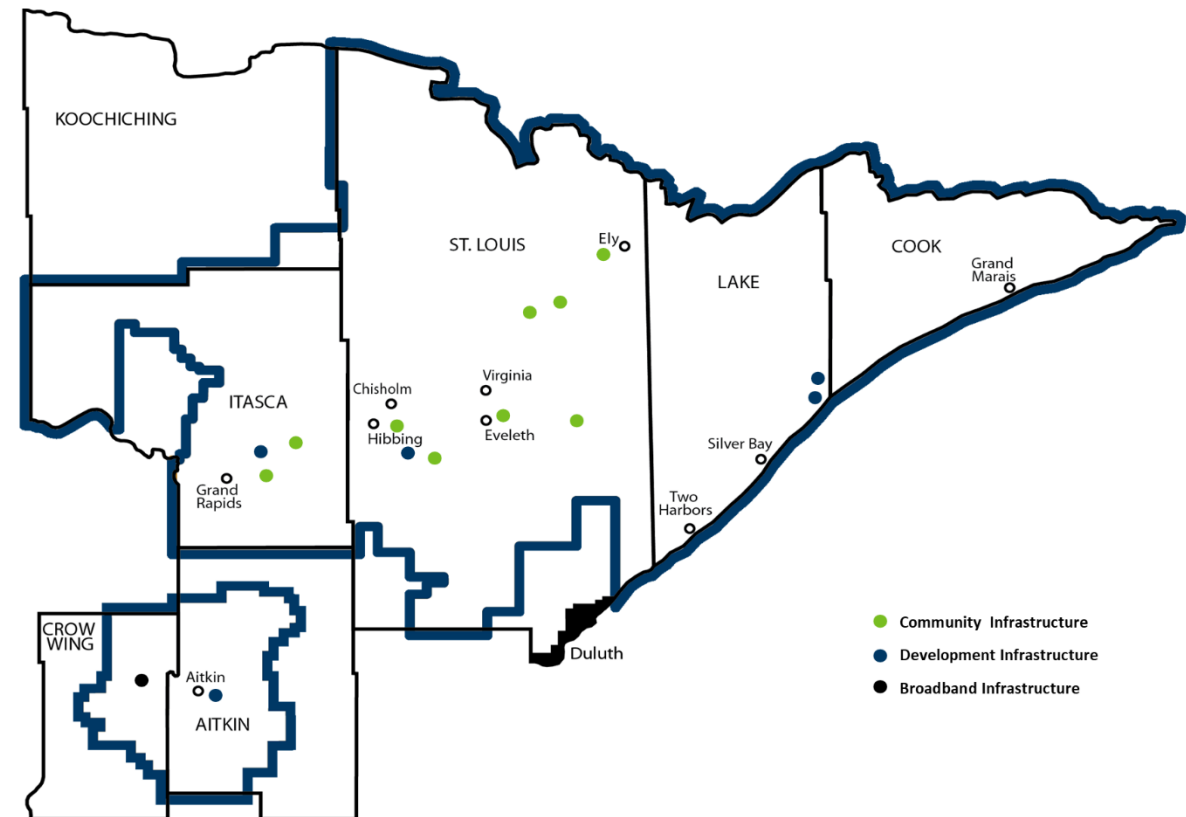
Community Infrastructure Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Breitung Township	Road reconstruction and storm sewer construction on North 2nd Street.	\$40,000	\$126,000
Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority	Primary runway safety area (RSA) reconstruction.	\$250,000	\$6,000,000
City of Ely	Phase I improvements to the Ely Wastewater Treatment Facility.	\$250,000	\$6,509,520
City of Eveleth	Water, sewer, storm sewer and road reconstruction for portions of Douglas and Roosevelt Avenues.	\$250,000	\$3,345,128
City of Hibbing	Replacement of the Kelly Lake lift station.	\$150,000	\$773,000
City of Hoyt Lakes	Emergency services facility access and storm sewer drainage improvements.	\$100,000	\$827,085
Lone Pine Township	Community septic assessment and predevelopment work.	\$190,000	\$576,680
City of Nashwauk	Site, lift station and equalization basin construction to accommodate expansion of city's wastewater treatment facility.	\$250,000	\$6,424,898
Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board	Replacement of 22 force-main manholes.	\$250,000	\$1,425,000

FY22 Infrastructure Projects

Economic Impact

- # of Infrastructure Projects: 15
- Agency Investment: \$4,075,850
- Total Investment: \$50,304,832
- Leverage: 1:11
- *Resolution No. 22-013*



FY22 REGIONAL TRAILS PROJECT

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FY22 Regional Trails Projects

Purpose

Regional Trails grants provide funding to assist with design, engineering and construction of various types of trails.

Economic Impact

- # of Regional Trails Projects: 1
- Agency Investment: \$29,000
- Total Investment: \$58,185
- Leverage: 1:1



FY22 Regional Trails Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Crow Wing County	Provide viable emergency-vehicle access roads as well as detailed mapping for emergency responders.	\$29,000	\$58,185
TOTAL		\$29,000	\$58,185

Resolution No. 22-014



IRON RANGE HIGHER EDUCATION ACCOUNT

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Iron Range Higher Education Account

Purpose

Created by the 2008 Minnesota Legislature, the Iron Range Higher Education Committee 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 recommendation of the commissioner and the Iron Range Higher Education Committee, the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board approves expenditures from the account.

Minnesota Statutes Section 298.28 Subd. 9d



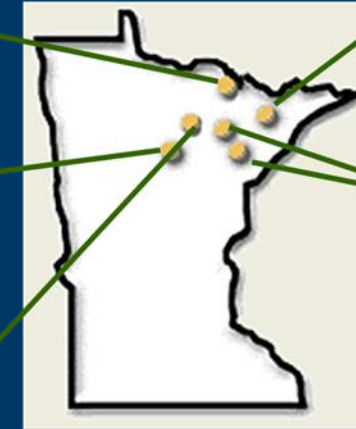
VisionNE College Merger

Agency Investment: \$765,000

Total Project Investment: \$1,396,800

Project: Assist with the merger of 5 community colleges

- Itasca
- Mesabi Range
- Hibbing
- Rainy River
- Vermilion



BELL Engineering Student Housing

Agency Investment: \$675,000

Total Project Investment: \$1,075,000

Project: Renovate and convert the current Hillcrest property in Chisholm into student housing to meet the residential needs of the BELL Program.



Iron Range Higher Education Account

Grantee	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
VisionNE College Merger	\$765,000	\$1,396,800
BELL Engineering Student Housing	\$675,000	\$1,075,000
TOTAL	\$1,440,000	\$2,471,800

Resolution No. 22-015

IRON RANGE SCHOOL COLLABORATION ACCOUNT

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Iron Range School Collaboration Account

Purpose

Supports regional multi-district collaborative initiatives that result in increased availability and access to high quality education and training for students, teachers and communities.



Iron Range School Collaboration Account

School District	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Nashwauk/Keewatin	\$18,000,000	\$65,685,121

Resolution No. 22-016



Thank you!

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