A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

IRON RANGE RESOURCES & REHABILITATION BOARD

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

9:00 a.m.

IRRR Administration Building

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Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.015, some board members may participate by interactive technology.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of February 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes
See Addendum A

4. Commissioner's Comments

5. Presentation/Update on the Rukavina Loan Forgiveness Dental Program

6. Border Lakes Brewing LLC

7. MoonLyte Brewing Company LLC and Twin Lake Properties Inc.

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Participation Loan

Border Lakes Brewing LLC

Applicant: Border Lakes Brewing LLC (BLB)

Project Location: First East Camp St., Ely, MN 55731

Principal(s): Jeff Soderstrom, Mary Soderstrom and Kenneth Ripp

Project Description: Purchase equipment for craft beer production, canning and distribution in Ely. BLB will produce high-quality craft beer and manufacture canned beer and filled kegs for local distribution.

Market Opportunity: BLB aims to create a community-focused brewery and taproom located in Ely's historic train depot. There will be craft beer, non-alcoholic beverages, food made from locally sourced ingredients, events and music. A large outdoor space is connected to the train depot, allowing for events and outdoor activities. The clientele will include both local residents and tourists. BLB intends to collaborate with local nonprofits and community organizations for potential charity and community fundraising.

Agency/Partner Investor	Investment Terms	Amount
IRRR	180-month amortization Bank Participation Loan	$259,862
Entrepreneur Fund	60-month term 180-month amortization	259,862
IRRR	City of Ely - Downtown Redevelopment Grant	300,000
City of Ely Economic Development Authority	72-month amortization	25,000
City of Ely Economic Development Authority	Forgivable Loan	25,000
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	Grant	200,000
Owner equity		1,000,000
Total Project Investment		**$2,069,724**

Jobs: 6 FTE Planned New 12 Part-Time

Wages: $16 to $35 per hour / $39,000 to $67,500 per year plus benefits

Collateral: Shared first position on Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) blanket on all business assets. Personal guarantees of Jeff and Mary Soderstrom and Kenneth Ripp.

Business History: Jeff and Mary Soderstrom and Kenneth Ripp began working with Entrepreneur Fund in August 2024 regarding the concept of a brewery located in Ely. The three principals reside in Ely and share a common goal of bolstering the Ely economy.

Past Agency History: None.

Contingencies: Successful acquisition of federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau license.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Recommendation: The TAC recommended approval at its May 4, 2026 meeting.

Funding Authorization: Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund: This project is authorized under the provisions of the Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund Act (Minnesota Statutes sections 298.291 – 298.297) pertaining to expenditures of Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund monies for economic development projects in that these statutes authorize the expenditure of funds for projects and programs that are designed to create and maintain productive, permanent and skilled employment and that encourage diversification of the economy within the Taconite Assistance Area defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 273.1341.

DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES & REHABILITATION

Participation Loan

MoonLyte Brewing Company LLC and Twin Lake Properties Inc.

Applicant: MoonLyte Brewing Company LLC and Twin Lake Properties Inc.

Project Location: 5368 McNiven Rd., Chisholm, MN 55719

Principal(s): Jeffrey Kukowski, Helen Kukowski, Rich Jacklen, Mike Sederlund, John Bonnette and Brian Eicholz

Project Description: This project involves two loans. One loan is to purchase equipment for craft beer production, canning and distribution in the local area. MoonLyte Brewing Company will produce high-quality craft beer and manufacture canned beer and filled kegs for local distribution. The second loan is to make improvements to the property in Chisholm.

Market Opportunity: MoonLyte Brewing Company aims to create a brewing facility, taproom and event venue located on an 18-acre property in Chisholm. There will be craft beer, trails, outdoor spaces, live music and food trucks amidst an environment inspired by Doc "Moonlight" Graham from *Field of Dreams.* MoonLyte Brewing Company intends to distribute the craft beer beyond their property into the local market. Future phases include the addition of a wedding venue and cottage-style lodging and camping.

Project Investment:

Agency/Partner Investor	Investment Terms	Amount
IRRR (property improvements)	240-month amortization Bank Participation Loan	$108,158
Park State Bank	240-month amortization	108,158
IRRR (brewing equipment)	84-month amortization Bank Participation Loan	46,290
Park State Bank	84-month amortization	126,290
Business Energy Retrofit Grant (Funded by IRRR and administered by Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency)		25,000
Owner Equity/Inventory		61,031
Total Project Investment		**$474,927**

Jobs: 6 FTE and 15 Part-Time Planned New

Wages: $15 to $40 per hour / $35,000 to $80,000 per year plus benefits

Collateral: Shared first position on commercial real estate mortgage and assignment of leases and rents on 5368 McNiven Rd., Chisholm, MN 55719. Shared first position on Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) blanket filing on all business assets of MoonLyte Brewing Company LLC.

Business History: MoonLyte Brewing Company LLC was founded in 2023 with additional partners joining in 2025. Helen focuses on branding, products and customer experience. Jeff is an experienced business owner with a background in accounting and engineering, and he will serve as the brewmaster. Richard will oversee facility maintenance. The property is owned by Jeff and Helen Kukowski.

Past Agency History: None

Contingencies:

- Business Energy Retrofit Grant Approval.
- Vendor Inventory Line of Credit Approval.
- Receipt of Sworn Construction Statement from borrower.
- Receipt of Early Start Approval from Sellman Title.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Recommendation: The TAC recommended approval at its May 4, 2026 meeting.

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FY26 Budget Amendments

Increase the FY26 Budget by $3,876,300 to pay for additional Community Development projects.

Program:	**Commercial Redevelopment**
Amount of Increase:	$500,000
Purpose:	Commercial Redevelopment grants assist with the full and selective demolition of commercial and industrial buildings and the clean-up of brownfields to pave the way for new development.
Funding Source:	Taconite Area Environmental Protection Fund (TEPF)

Program:	**Housing**
Amount of Increase:	$993,000
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 employers' needs.
Funding Source:	Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund Corpus

Program:	**Public Works**
Amount of Increase:	$2,383,300
Purpose:	Public Works grants support local and Tribal governments with infrastructure funding that provides essential services and promotes economic development.
Funding Source:	Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund Corpus

Program: **Public Works**

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

Economic Impact:

# of Projects: **18**
Agency Investment: **$2,498,374**
Total Project Investment: **$14,560,506**

Arrowhead Township
Grant Amount: $35,000

The project consists of replacing the failing septic system at the town hall. The existing system is undersized for current use and at the end of its lifespan, creating an urgent public health and infrastructure need. The town hall functions as a multipurpose community gathering space, voting precinct and local government meeting hub.

Uses		**Sources**	
Septic decommission and new construction	$76,020	IRRR	$35,000
Contingency	11,403	Arrowhead Township	52,423
Total	**$87,423**	**Total**	**$87,423**

Carpenter Township
Grant Amount: $23,000

The project consists of town hall improvements, including replacement of all doors and windows with energy-efficient units to improve building performance, lower energy costs and support year-round use. The upgrades will preserve the building and strengthen its role as a community space for public meetings, emergency response coordination and community programs.

Uses		**Sources**	
Town hall improvements	$51,580	IRRR	$23,000
		Carpenter Township	19,580
		Blandin Foundation	9,000
Total	**$51,580**	**Total**	**$51,580**

City of Cook
Grant Amount: $150,000

The project consists of wastewater treatment facility improvements and sanitary sewer line replacement. Wastewater treatment facility improvements include structure rehabilitation, piping, pond and earthwork improvements, riprap installation along the east ditch of the secondary pond and other work needed to meet capacity and permit requirements. Sanitary sewer line replacement will occur on several city streets and alleys.

Uses		Sources	
Wastewater treatment facility improvements	$333,300	IRRR	$150,000
Sewer line replacement	307,900	City of Cook	155,449
Architectural and engineering	110,794	St. Louis County: Community Block Development Grant	150,000
Contingency	47,455	Congressionally Directed Spending	344,000
Total	**$799,449**	**Total**	**$799,449**

City of Gilbert
Grant Amount: $1,000,000
The project consists of citywide infrastructure improvements, including new sanitary sewer mains, manholes, services, water main replacement, valves, hydrant upgrades and necessary utility connections. The project includes full street restoration tied to utility construction, including pavement removal and replacement, concrete curbs and gutters, sidewalks, driveways, erosion control, traffic control and site restoration.

Uses		Sources	
Infrastructure and road reconstruction	$1,352,737	IRRR	$1,000,000
Architectural and engineering	240,000	City of Gilbert	128,737
Contingency	136,000	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	500,000
		St. Louis County: Community Block Development Grant	100,000
Total	**$1,728,737**	**Total**	**$1,728,737**

City of Grand Rapids
Grant Amount: $53,000
The project consists of infrastructure replacement at Garden Court Chateau, a 24-resident assisted living facility in west Grand Rapids. The facility's three wells are failing, and its septic system is outdated. The project will connect the facility to municipal sewer and water service, which was unavailable when it opened in 2006.

Uses		Sources	
Sanitary sewer line replacement	$106,000	IRRR	$53,000
Contingency	11,000	Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority (Loan)	40,000
		Private	24,000
Total	**$117,000**	**Total**	**$117,000**

City of LaPrairie
Grant Amount: $25,000
The project consists of city hall improvements following flood damage, including new flooring, doors and paint. Additional upgrades include ADA-compliant bathrooms and kitchen improvements.

Uses		Sources	
Facility improvements	$61,726	IRRR	$25,000
		City of LaPrairie	20,726
		Blandin Foundation	16,000
Total	**$61,726**	**Total**	**$61,726**

City of Nashwauk
Grant Amount: $150,000
The project consists of city hall improvements, including replacement of a failing boiler system and reconstruction of an accessibility ramp. Replacing the aging boiler will reduce the risk of service disruptions, particularly during winter months. Reconstruction of the accessibility ramp will improve access to two entrances and enhance usability for residents with mobility challenges, seniors and others who rely on barrier-free access. The upgrades will improve critical public infrastructure and help ensure continued operation of the municipal facility, which provides space for administrative services, public meetings, elections and public safety coordination.

Uses		Sources	
HVAC upgrades	$180,000	IRRR	$150,000
ADA-compliant access ramp	175,000	City of Nashwauk	115,350
Architectural and engineering	24,850	Blandin Foundation	150,000
Contingency	35,500		
Total	**$415,350**	**Total**	**$415,350**

City of Tower
Grant Amount: $195,000
The project consists of non-historic modifications and rehabilitation of the south elevation to restore the Historic Fire Hall's original arched entrance. Additional work includes repairing and refinishing original wood floors and metal ceilings, repairing historic doors and the cistern hatch, and installing security hardware. The improvements will support city operations and allow the Historic Fire Hall to serve as a flexible, multi-use community space.

Uses		Sources	
Facility improvements	$608,280	IRRR	$195,000
Architectural and engineering	15,000	City of Tower	15,000
Contingency	30,000	Tower Soudan Historical Society	67,030
		Minnesota Historical Society	325,000
		Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) - Business Energy Retrofit Grant funded by IRRR and administered by AEOA	25,000
		Cleveland Cliffs Foundation	11,250
		NewRange Copper Nickel	15,000
Total	**$653,280**	**Total**	**$653,280**

City of Two Harbors
Grant Amount: $170,000
The project consists of water main replacement and relocation to provide direct, code-compliant service to affected properties. New water infrastructure in the alleyway will eliminate cross-property service conflicts and ensure long-term reliability. The project includes upgrades to the 15th Street water main segment to support upcoming detour traffic and planned construction near the Highway 61 corridor.

Uses		Sources	
Water main infrastructure	$321,553	IRRR	$170,000
Architectural and engineering	88,430	City of Two Harbors	272,143
Contingency	32,160		
Total	**$442,143**	**Total**	**$442,143**

City of Virginia
Grant Amount: $167,000
The project consists of infrastructure and street upgrades to support the expansion of Pohaki. Improvements along Seventh Street South and the adjacent right-of-way include stormwater infrastructure, curb and gutter installation and roadway upgrades to support safe access and long-term redevelopment of the site at 706 Sixth Avenue North. The site experienced structural failure following a roof collapse in March 2023 and lacks adequate stormwater and roadway infrastructure to support redevelopment. The improvements will bring the site up to current standards.

Uses		Sources	
Infrastructure and road construction	$157,460	IRRR	$167,000
Building construction	2,207,199	IRRR (Commercial Redevelopment Grant)	500,000
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	215,000	City of Virginia	10,000
Brownfield remediation	578,876	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	107,513
Architectural and engineering	126,662	Private	2,736,184
Contingency	235,500		
Total	**$3,520,697**	**Total**	**$3,520,697**

City of Virginia
Grant Amount: $145,000
The project consists of infrastructure, site work and construction of a new building for Viking Coca-Cola Bottling Company, which is relocating to Ninth Avenue North. The company will construct an 11,900-square-foot commercial and industrial distribution facility on a 3.8-acre site. Improvements include transportation access, ADA-compliant pedestrian facilities and paved commercial traffic circulation. The project includes installation of new water, sewer and storm utilities, and a comprehensive stormwater management system with a wet sedimentation basin designed to support current and future development.

Uses		Sources	
Infrastructure and site work	$543,212	IRRR	$145,000
Facility construction	3,413,924	City of Virginia	10,000
Architectural and engineering	10,000	Private	3,812,136
Total	**$3,967,136**	**Total**	**$3,967,136**

Cook County/Grand Marais Joint Economic Development Authority
Grant Amount: $125,000
The project consists of rerouting and upgrading water and sanitary sewer service across a recently acquired parcel with direct access to East Second Street. Work includes excavation, installation of new water and sewer utilities, stormwater connections and site restoration. The improvements will support expansion of Sisu + Löyly, a locally owned and operated wellness business on the shore of Lake Superior. Sisu + Löyly plans to construct a new, modern bathhouse facility featuring a large event sauna with lake views, a steam room, a walk-in cold plunge, hot and warm rooftop pools, a relaxation lounge, shower and locker amenities and additional outdoor gathering areas. Since opening in 2021, the business has grown into a premier destination for Nordic sauna and cold-plunge experiences.

Uses		Sources	
Infrastructure	$210,000	IRRR	$125,000
Facility construction	1,298,455	Cook County/Grand Marais Joint Economic Development Authority	25,000
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	112,000	Private	1,961,194
Architectural and engineering	339,893		
Contingency	150,846		
Total	**$2,111,194**	**Total**	**$2,111,194**

Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Department (ERVFD)
Grant Amount: $78,500
The project consists of fire hall improvements and helipad construction. Fire hall improvements include HVAC upgrades, foundation improvements, new flooring and backup generator installation. The new hard-surfaced helipad will provide a safe, permanent landing zone on ERVFD-owned property, improving coordination with regional air medical providers, reducing response times and enhancing emergency response safety. Since 1960, ERVFD has provided fire protection, rescue services and emergency medical response across a 144-square-mile area. The project will improve facility reliability and address safety risks in emergency medical response.

Uses		Sources	
Fire hall upgrades	$60,504	IRRR	$78,500
Helipad construction	96,500	Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Department	78,504
Total	**$157,004**	**Total**	**$157,004**

Embarrass Township
Grant Amount: $41,000
The project consists of town hall improvements, including replacement of the failing roof, electrical upgrades in the main building and maintenance garage, sewer line replacement, entry door replacement, a clerk's office addition and site safety improvements. The town hall supports government operations, elections, community programs and private events, serving residents of Embarrass and the surrounding area.

Uses		Sources	
Town hall upgrades	$140,000	IRRR	$41,000
		Embarrass Township	66,000
		NewRange Copper Nickel	33,000
Total	**$140,000**	**Total**	**$140,000**

Eveleth Virginia Airport Authority
Grant Amount: $25,874
The project consists of airport infrastructure improvements, including apron and taxi lane repairs to eliminate a recurring low spot that collects water and creates hazardous ice conditions. The project also includes fuel system upgrades to modernize payment technology and improve operational security. The public airport averages about 48 operations per day and supports business travel, emergency response and recreational aviation.

Uses		Sources	
Apron and taxi lane improvements	$54,400	IRRR	$25,874
Fuel system upgrade	15,924	Minnesota Department of Transportation	44,450
Total	**$70,324**	**Total**	**$70,324**

Greenwood Township
Grant Amount: $47,000
The project consists of town hall and fire hall improvements, including replacement of town hall windows, HVAC upgrades and installation of a new water storage tank for the fire hall. The new water storage tank will improve fire protection and emergency medical service support, enhancing response efficiency and reducing safety risks for firefighters. Town hall improvements will strengthen administrative and public services while providing accessible, flexible space for community programs, training and public meetings. The upgrades will improve energy efficiency, reduce long-term operating costs, improve ADA compliance and expand accessibility and meet the demands of year-round residents and increased seasonal activity.

Uses		Sources	
Fire hall water storage tank	$20,000	IRRR	$47,000
Town hall improvements	74,402	Greenwood Township	47,402
Total	**$94,402**	**Total**	**$94,402**

Sandy Township
Grant Amount: $20,000
The project consists of town hall improvements, including foundation repair, installation of a high-efficiency HVAC system and construction of a new 12-by-17-foot office space. The upgrades will extend the life of the facility, improve safety and support continued public use for elections, government operations and community events. The project will improve building safety, reliability and usability.

Uses		Sources	
Town hall upgrades	$41,260	IRRR	$20,000
		Sandy Township	21,260
Total	**$41,260**	**Total**	**$41,260**

Town of Bassett
Grant Amount: $48,000
The project consists of town hall and fire hall improvements. Town hall upgrades include a new ADA-accessible entrance, replacement doors and updated window trim. Fire hall improvements include roof upgrades and new paint. The town hall serves as a central civic facility for government operations, elections, community programs and private events. Fire hall improvements will support long-term regional fire protection, rescue services and emergency medical response.

Uses		**Sources**	
Fire hall roof replacement	$51,801	IRRR	$48,000
Town hall improvements	50,000	Town of Bassett	53,801
Total	**$101,801**	**Total**	**$101,801**

Program: **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 employers' needs.

Economic Impact:

# of Projects: **2**
# of Programs: **1**
Agency Investment: **$993,000**
Total Project Investment: **$5,964,135**
New Housing Units: **8**
Rehabilitated Housing Units: **4**
New Lots for Future Housing Units: **8**

Housing Projects

City of Taconite
Grant Amount: $143,000
The project consists of sanitary sewer and waterline extension to serve eight lots for new single-family market rate housing. The development is part of the Tudor addition. One house is currently under construction, with space for seven additional houses on the remaining lots.

Uses		**Sources**	
Utility infrastructure	$259,165	IRRR	$143,000
Engineering	47,830	City of Taconite	50,000
Contingency	21,740	Developer	135,735
Total	**$328,735**	**Total**	**$328,735**

City of Grand Rapids
Grant Amount: $350,000
The project consists of demolishing the Independent School District No. 318 administration building and constructing utility infrastructure to support eight new single-family Community Land Trust homes through the Itasca County Housing & Redevelopment Authority.

Uses		**Sources**	
Demolition	$350,000	IRRR	$350,000
Site acquisition	80,000	Itasca County Housing & Redevelopment Authority	80,000
Utility infrastructure	490,400	Home Buyer Resources: • Minnesota Housing: Step Up and Start Up Down Payment Financing • Private Bank Mortgage	1,506,000
Housing construction	2,880,000	Minnesota Department of Revenue: • Statewide Affordable Housing Aid	180,000
Architectural, engineering, planning, developer fee and contingency	835,000	City of Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission	310,400
		Greater Minnesota Housing Fund	120,000
		Minnesota Housing: • Housing Infrastructure Appropriations • Workforce and Affordable Homeownership Development Program	1,694,000
		Blandin Foundation	135,000
		Private and grants	260,000
Total	**$ 4,635,400**	**Total**	**$ 4,635,400**

Housing Programs

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA)
Grant Amount: $500,000
The project is the continuation of the Tax Forfeit Housing Rehabilitation program which acquires, rehabilitates and sells tax forfeit homes to first time home buyers or those in need of moderately priced workforce housing. The pilot program began in 2024 as a partnership with St Louis County. The project includes rehabilitation of three homes in St. Louis County and one in Itasca County. AEOA will collaborate with the counties and municipalities to identify and acquire the four properties that may otherwise be slated for demolition. By rehabilitating tax forfeit homes, demolition is avoided which preserves landfill capacity and returns abandoned properties to productive taxable status. The program will revitalize communities and preserve neighborhood character. Proceeds from the home sales will fund future tax forfeit housing acquisition and rehabilitation.

Uses		Sources	
Acquisition and rehabilitation of tax forfeit homes	$1,000,000	IRRR	$500,000
		Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	500,000
Total	**$1,000,000**	**Total**	**$1,000,000**

Program: **FY24 Grant Scope Amendment: Regional Trails**

Purpose: Regional Trails grants assist with the design, engineering and construction of various types of trails.

Economic Impact:
Original Agency Investment: **$500,000**
Original Total Project Investment: **$2,997,430**

St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority
Grant Amount: $500,000
Remaining Grant Funds: $73,867

Original Project Approval: The project consists of completing construction of a five-mile gap segment of Mesabi Trail from McKinley to Biwabik, connecting the Virginia area to the Giants Ridge and Embarrass area. A large wetland is present in the area and has made route planning and design difficult. A portion of the new segment includes a floating trail over the wetland. The new segment is one of the final sections to make Mesabi Trail a continuous 162-mile-long paved trail connecting Iron Range communities from the Mississippi River in Grand Rapids to the Boundary Waters in Ely. IRRR previously approved $500,000 for the project in August 2023.

Reason for Grant Scope Change: St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority completed the construction of the five-mile gap segment of Mesabi Trail from McKinley to Biwabik. There is a remaining grant balance of $73,867.

The Railroad Authority is seeking approval from IRRR to use the remaining grant balance to complete construction of another project involving an approximate seven-mile-long by 10-feet-wide paved bike trail between Wahlsten Road (County Road 26) and Tower. The Wahlsten Road project received $500,000 in legislative revenue bond proceeds from IRRR as required by the Minerals Article Legislation/2024 Tax Omnibus Bill.* Additional funds are needed to complete this project due to inflation and rising construction costs. The construction of the seven-mile segment in 2026 will complete the Mesabi Trail master plan.

**The Minerals Article Legislation originally designated the $500,000 be used to design, engineer, acquire right-of-way and begin construction on the Mesabi Trail Spur from Aurora to Hoyt Lakes. Bond Counsel approved reallocating the funds to the seven-mile trail segment between Wahlsten Road and Tower.*

Program: **Iron Range Schools & Community Development Account**

Purpose: The Iron Range Schools & Community Development Account provides disbursements to assist school districts with the payment of bonds that were issued for qualified school projects, or for any other school disbursement as approved by the commissioner of IRRR after consultation with the IRRR Board.

Minnesota Statutes Section 298.28 Subd. 7a.

Chisholm Independent School District No. 695
Grant Amount: $3,654,760

IRRR is recommending $3,654,760 to Chisholm Independent School District for infrastructure, site development and building construction for a new shared city public works facility and school bus garage.

- **School Background:** Chisholm Independent School District voters approved a $32 million bond referendum on November 8, 2022 to combine school district facilities into a single preK-12 campus. IRRR was legislatively directed to support the project with $8 million in educational facilities revenue bond funding.

  The current bus garage is in disrepair and cannot accommodate the current fleet. The buses currently travel to the city's public works garage for fueling. In exploring bus garage replacement options, the school district received estimates of $2.5 million to demolish and rebuild the garage on the existing site.

- **City Background:** The city of Chisholm is working to relocate its severely blighted public works facility from a lakeside site to the industrial park near the school campus. The Minerals Article Legislation/2024 Tax Omnibus Bill legislatively directed IRRR to support the project with a $1.2 million grant. The total project cost is approximately $4.4 million.

- **Proposed Collaborative Project:** IRRR learned of the city and school projects through separate discussions and a funding request made to the agency. Subsequently, city and school district officials held joint meetings to explore how a shared site could reduce costs and improve efficiency. The meetings resulted in the following consensus between the city and the district:

  - Construction of a new bus garage on the city's public works site would reduce costs from $2.5 million to $1.3 million, saving $1.2 million as a result of shared infrastructure, site work and mobilization.
  - Instead of demolishing the existing school bus garage, the district will preserve the building and use it for storage at an estimated cost of $550,000. The building could have potential long-term use as career and technical education space.
  - Operational cost savings will result from shared snow removal, lawn care, bulk procurement, staffing and equipment.

School Budget Table (with proposed collaboration)

Uses		Sources	
New preK-6 elementary building and high school remodel	$40,000,000	IRRR School & Community Development Account	$1,869,520
Shared site utilities and site work	82,500	Local Referendum Question 1: PreK-6 building addition and high school remodel	32,000,000
Shared planning and engineering	9,020	Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds: PreK-6 building addition and high school remodel	8,000,000
Shared site fuel station	33,000		
Shared new school bus garage	1,195,000		
Existing bus garage preservation	550,000		
Total	**$41,869,520**	**Total**	**$41,869,520**

City Budget Table (with proposed collaboration)

Uses		Sources	
Shared site utilities and site work	$292,500	IRRR School & Community Development Account	$1,785,240
Shared planning and engineering	31,980	City of Chisholm	1,785,240
Shared site fuel station	117,000	Minerals Article Legislation/2024 Tax Omnibus Bill	1,200,000
Shared new public works facility	4,329,000		
Total	**$4,770,480**	**Total**	**$4,770,480**

Program: **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.

Minnesota Statutes Section 298.28 Subd. 9d.

Current Committee Members:

Senator Rob Farnsworth
Senator Grant Hauschild
Representative Cal Warwas
Representative Roger Skraba
Julie Marinucci, governor's appointee
President Michael Raich, Minnesota North College
Commissioner Ida Rukavina, IRRR
Chancellor Nies, University of Minnesota Duluth

The IRHEC met on May 15, 2026, to receive updates from Minnesota North College and consider proposed investments. The IRHEC approved the following expenditures from the Iron Range Higher Education Account:

Minnesota North College: Iron Range Engineering (IRE)
Grant Amount: $650,000

- Iron Range Engineering (IRE) is a higher education program that, in collaboration with private industry, allows students to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Minnesota State University Mankato. Since 2009, IRE has received worldwide recognition for its innovative engineering education approach. IRHEC initially supported IRE with $1 million annually. Since the creation of the Bell Program within IRE, the financial model has allowed the funding amount to decrease.

- The request is to support the development and delivery of the IRE program: $350,000 for fiscal year 2026 (2025-2026 academic year) and $300,000 for fiscal year 2027 (2026-2027 academic year).

- IRE Program Highlights:
    - 360 graduates, including 50 in the past year.

- 157 students were enrolled in the program during the most recent academic year, including 50 from northern Minnesota.
- Steady enrollment supports consistent delivery of high-impact engineering education and a reliable pipeline of engineers for the regional workforce.
- More than 45 regional businesses have benefited from engineering projects and the hiring or retention of IRE co-ops, interns and graduates.
- The program continues to secure competitive grant funding, including a $1.5 million award to support low-income, high achieving STEM students. Up to 120 IRE students will receive scholarships of up to $10,000 for their first semester.
- Presented IRE model to MIT, Harvard, The National Academy of Engineering in Washington D.C. and the European Engineering Education Conference in Ireland.
- Participated in national strategic planning groups on the future of engineering education.
- Completed its third ABET Accreditation in September 2024 with no shortcomings and two strengths highlighted including student support and co-op-based learning model.
- Faculty and staff frequently publish journal and conference articles.
- Hillcrest Manor in Chisholm was converted in 2022 to IRE student housing, including 40 rooms and 65 beds across two floors. Named the Senator David J. Tomassoni Building, more than 200 people have utilized it since it opened in 2022. It is owned by the Chisholm Economic Development Authority.

Minnesota North College: Engineering, Itasca Campus
Grant Amount: $230,000

- Continue to redesign and rebuild the Itasca engineering program to align with transfer to IRE.
- Develop and launch the “Asynchronous Fully Online Pre-Engineering Associate of Science Degree (AS)” in Pre-Engineering to meet the needs of a new target audience of students. Students who choose this learning model are likely strong candidates to continue in IRE’s work-based program to complete this Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE) degree.
- Student engineers will acquire a high-quality engineering education while learning in an innovative model. The initiative will provide students financial accessibility, create a fiscally self-sustaining model and generate an economic development impact for northeastern Minnesota by retaining more talent within the region.
- The initiative requires a recruiting plan, student community development, curricular innovation and personnel.

Program: **Site Readiness – Former Hill Annex State Park Site**

Purpose: Hill Annex Mine State Park permanently closed in 2024 with the intent to return the site to active mining. The grant will help cover decommissioning costs to prepare the site for a potential future scram mining operation.

Grant Request: $2,000,000

Project Description:

When open-pit ore mining ceased in 1978, the Hill Annex Mine site became a visitor attraction operated by IRRR. Legislation establishing Hill Annex Mine State Park was passed in 1988, and the site was transferred to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in 1991. The legislation establishing the park recognized the possibility that mining may be conducted on the property in the future. Hill Annex Mine State Park was deauthorized in 2024 as a state park to prepare for future scram mining (mining of stockpiles and tailing basins).

The land contains an estimated $5.3 billion in unextracted minerals, including over $196 million in school trust minerals. Since deauthorization, the DNR, the Minnesota Office of School Trust Lands (OSTL) and IRRR have been decommissioning the site. To date, significant investigative and preservation work has been completed, including an investigation of the historic district, development of a historic mitigation plan, disposition of locally important artifacts, and investigations of environmental and regulated materials. The three state agencies have collectively invested more than $800,000 in the effort, combining funds for necessary study consultants and contributing staff time. The project's next phase involves significant outlays to complete an archaeological investigation of the site, conduct further environmental investigation, remediate regulated materials, demolish 39 structures, and clean up soil as prescribed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The remaining work is estimated to cost $4 million. If approved, this $2,000,000 grant will be awarded to the DNR as a project lead.

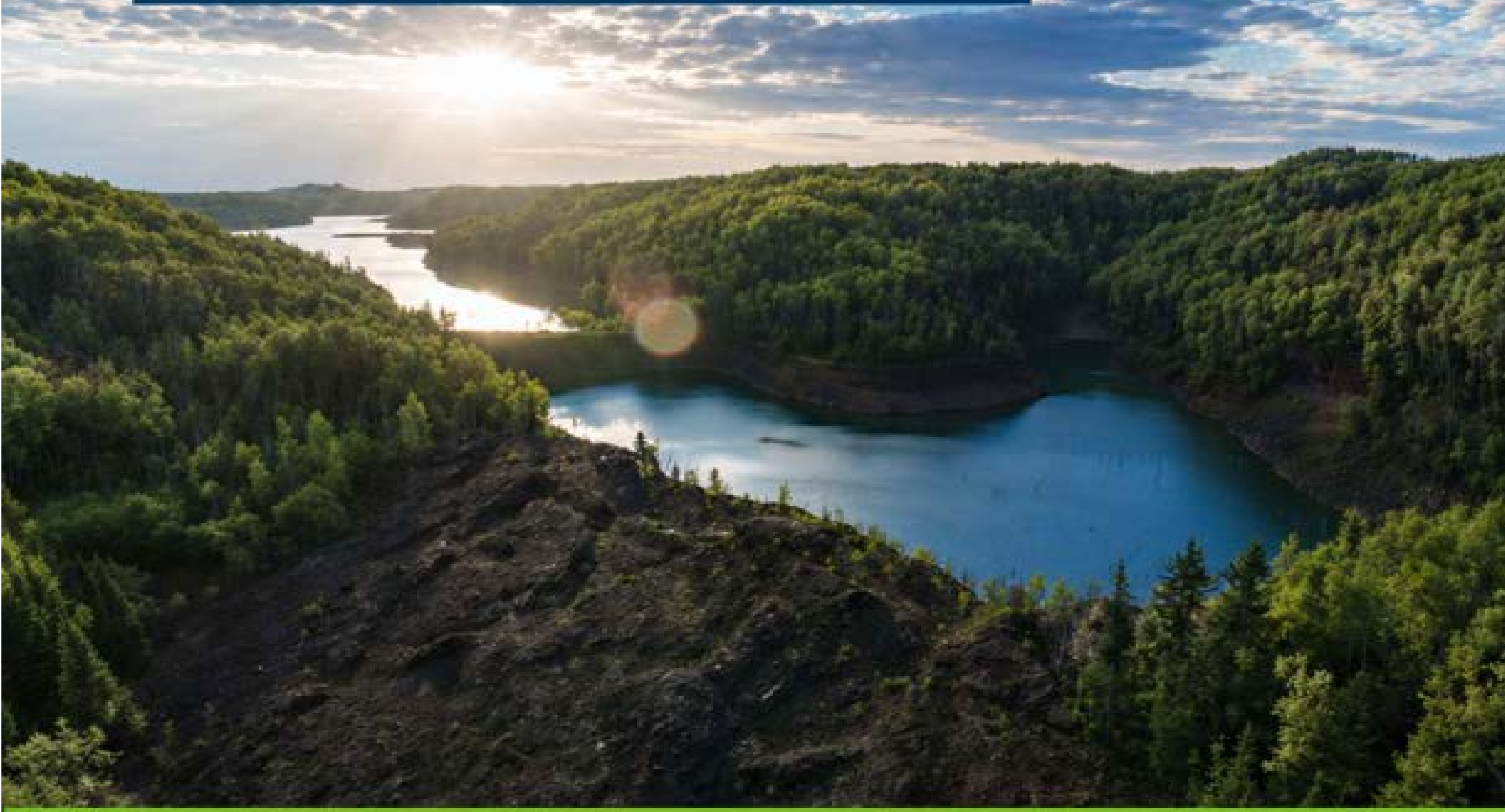
The surface stockpiles and tailings basins at the former park site are under lease, and a developer applied to the DNR and MPCA for permits to conduct scram mining. If permits are approved, scram mining could begin soon afterward. Resumption of mining at the site would benefit the local communities through the collection and distribution of production taxes. It would also benefit K-12 public education throughout the state through the deposit of state mineral lease rental and royalty payments into the Permanent School Trust Fund.

Funding Authorization: Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund Corpus: This project is authorized under the provision of the Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund Act (Minnesota Statutes sections 298.291 – 298.297) pertaining to expenditures of Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund Corpus monies for economic development projects in that these statutes authorize the expenditure of corpus funds for projects and programs that are designed to create and maintain productive, permanent and skilled employment and that encourage diversification of the economy within the Taconite Assistance Area defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 273.1341.

ADDENDUM B

Fiscal Year
2027 Budget

Investing resources to foster vibrant growth and economic prosperity in northeastern Minnesota.



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DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES & REHABILITATION

I am pleased to present the budget for Fiscal year (FY) 2027, which signifies the 85th year of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation's invaluable contributions to the region. This $77 million investment strategy exemplifies the agency's unwavering commitment to fostering a more prosperous living and working environment in our service area. As Commissioner, my vision is centered on elevating our region by cultivating a future that encompasses sustainable job opportunities, a solid educational framework and thriving cities and towns. Through our array of grant and loan programs, I am dedicated to ensuring that our local businesses, communities and schools have the resources to flourish and succeed.

Commissioner Ida Rukavina

With this annual budget, the agency is strategically positioned to seize new and emerging investment opportunities. By allocating funds to projects in business, community and workforce development, the agency ensures that it can effectively support growth and progress in these crucial areas:

- Retain and create jobs.
- Address community priorities and leverage investment.
- Improve the quality of life for all residents.

Together with our public and private partners, Tribal Nations, and stakeholders, we are committed to enhancing long-term economic development and the overall well-being of all people in northeastern Minnesota.

Strategic Priorities & Funding

- Improve conditions for economic growth with $31 million of resources in community and workforce development. Funds include a $6 million program to promote the preservation, rehabilitation and investment in regional housing stock and neighborhoods with a focus on construction of new homes and/or apartment buildings.
- Support public works infrastructure, broadband and business and industry with spending of $19 million. Infrastructure funding assists communities in modernizing, redeveloping and replacing foundational assets in order to attract business investments and expansion.

- Invest funds in natural and recreational assets, Giants Ridge and regional trails to generate diversification and economic impact while contributing to the quality of life in the region.
- Produce a fiscally sound spending plan that includes reserve funds for unforeseen future needs.

FY 2027 Budget

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board			FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Projected Actual	FY 2027 Budget
Resources					
	Carryforward In		$24,002,744	$31,018,855	$21,103,600
	Current Resources				
	*	Taconite Production Taxes	$30,621,832	$30,621,832	$39,097,552
		Investment Earnings	8,210,000	6,374,818	6,225,700
		Loan Revenues	4,543,996	4,939,906	3,968,800
		Facilities Revenues	8,385,789	9,320,994	8,068,169
		Occupation Tax Region 3	508,647	508,647	491,792
	***	DJJ Corpus Trust	7,671,000	3,000,000	10,487,000
		Subtotal Current Resources	**$59,941,264**	**$54,766,197**	**$68,339,013**
		Total Resources	**$83,944,008**	**$85,785,052**	**$89,442,613**
Estimated Expenditures					
	Projects				
		Development Projects	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000
	***	Development Projects - DJJ Corpus Trust	0	0	0
		Public Works	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000
		Broadband	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
		Total Projects	**$19,000,000**	**$19,000,000**	**$19,000,000**
	Programs				
	***	Program Grants	19,755,000	18,595,000	19,625,000
	**	TEPF Special Projects	0	0	5,500,000
		Occupation Tax Region 3	508,647	508,647	491,792
		Total Programs	**$20,263,647**	**$19,103,647**	**$25,616,792**
	Giants Ridge		17,529,367	16,929,435	16,382,545
***	Giants Ridge Capital - DJJ Corpus Trust		1,671,000	1,671,000	4,487,000
		Total Giants Ridge	**$19,200,367**	**$18,600,435**	**$20,869,545**
	Operations & Development Fixed Costs		**$10,512,377**	**$7,977,370**	**$11,470,537**
		Total Budget	**$68,976,391**	**$64,681,452**	**$76,956,874**
		Estimated Carryforward Out	**$14,967,617**	**$21,103,600**	**$12,485,739**

*$1,921,995 was transferred to the agency on February 24, 2026 from the TEDF account. The IRRR Board is recommending school disbursements in this amount to support schools from the Iron Range Schools and Community Development Account as set forth in Appendix A.
** As provided by Minn. Stat. Sec. 298.28 subd. 9a, all pay 2026 production taxes otherwise allocated to the TEDF, totaling $8,229,321, will be distributed to the TEPF. The IRRR Board is recommending project expenditures of up to $5,500,000 of this amount for economic development projects and public works as set forth in Appendix B.
*** DJJ Corpus Trust funds to cover Development Projects, Housing Development and Giants Ridge capital.

Projects

Projects Budget

Development Projects	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Projected	FY 2027 Budget
Development Projects	$9,000,000	$9,000,000	$9,000,000
Development Projects - DJJ Corpus Trust	0	0	0
Public Works	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000
Broadband	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Development Projects	**$19,000,000**	**$19,000,000**	**$19,000,000**

Development Projects - $9,000,000
These funds are designated for economic development projects to promote business development opportunities and attract new investments to the region. To streamline approvals, improve timeliness, and better serve businesses, the Commissioner, with consent of the IRRR Board Chair, is authorized to approve development projects of $500,000 and less for projects that meet the following conditions:

- Qualify for Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation financing under established guidelines.
- Approved by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

This budget includes up to $350,000 for the loan guaranty program if needed.

Public Works - $9,000,000
Public Works grants help cities, townships, airport authorities, public safety facilities, utility commissions and collaborative organizations complete projects that support community and economic development. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, publicly owned infrastructure such as wastewater, drinking water, storm water, utility systems, airport facility improvements, renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives.

Broadband - $1,000,000
Broadband Infrastructure grants help unserved and underserved households and businesses reach the State of Minnesota broadband speed goals.

Programs

Programs Budget

Program Grants	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Projected	FY 2027 Budget
Community Development			
Commercial Redevelopment	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,500,000
Residential Redevelopment	225,000	225,000	200,000
Development Partnerships	2.600,000	2.600,000	2,000,000
Business Energy Retrofit	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Downtown Building Rehabilitation	500,000	500,000	500,000
Minnesota Dental Foundation	0	0	260,000
Housing Development	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
Downtown Redevelopment	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Total Community Development	**$12,825,000**	**$11,825,000**	**$12,960,000**
Workforce Development	**$700,000**	**$700,000**	**$700,000**
Mineland Reclamation	**$1,150,000**	**$1,150,000**	**$1,150,000**
Culture & Tourism			
Culture & Tourism	$850,000	$850,000	$900,000
Minnesota Discovery Center	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,385,000
Total Culture & Tourism	**3,550,000**	**$3,550,000**	**$3,285,000**
Commissioner Program	**$500,000**	**$350,000**	**$500,000**
Grant Writing Assistance	**$30,000**	**$20,000**	**$30,000**
Regional Trails	**$1,000,000**	**$1,000,000**	**$1,000,000**
TEPF Special Projects	**0**	**0**	**$5,500,000**
Total Program Grants	**$19,755,000**	**$18,595,000**	**$25,125,000**

Community Development

Commercial Redevelopment - $1,500,000
Commercial Redevelopment grants fund partial and full demolition of commercial or publicly-owned structures or the clean-up of brownfield sites, making way for new development.

Residential Redevelopment - $200,000
Residential Redevelopment grants help create cleaner and safer communities and encourage new construction by assisting in the demolition of residential structures.

Development Partnerships - $2,000,000
This program funds partnerships for planning, research, education and development-based initiatives which support long term economic growth within the region and are consistent with the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation mission, vision and goals.

Business Energy Retrofit - $1,500,000
This program is funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered through a partnership with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) to assist business owners with energy efficient improvements to their buildings.

Downtown Building Rehabilitation - $500,000
This program is funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered through a partnership with (AEOA) to assist business owners with code compliance improvements to buildings located in downtown areas.

MN Dental Foundation - $260,000
The Dentist Recruitment program funds forgiveness grants within our service area. Funding will be used to administer the Martha Mordini Rukavina Loan Forgiveness Program. The purpose of this competitive program is to provide an incentive to attract dentists to practice general dentistry in the service area, which has a documented need for dentists to provide services to its communities and underserved populations.

Housing Development - $6,000,000
The Housing Development program funds housing 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 employers' needs.

Downtown Redevelopment - $1,000,000
The Downtown Redevelopment program will provide gap funding to support building construction projects serving locally owned businesses on main streets in downtown areas.

Workforce Development - $700,000
Workforce Development grants assist in workforce development by funding sector specific customized training and career awareness initiatives that emerge from industry, industry clusters, schools or collaborative partnerships that build capacity, responsiveness or innovation to address workforce needs. Funding is also available for post-secondary educational institutions and other regional workforce development partners to develop and deliver curriculum that prepares students for a seamless transition from high school or post-secondary education to the workforce.

Mineland Reclamation - $1,150,000
The Mineland Reclamation grant program assists communities and townships with reclaiming and reuse of mine impacted lands, identify and plan new development opportunities and provide the tools to achieve these goals. This program provides funding for highly visible reclamation. The Drilling Incentive Program helps to stimulate additional mineral exploration within the region.

Culture and Tourism

Culture and Tourism - $900,000
Culture and Tourism grants assist projects that support arts, culture, history and recreational activities, enhance the quality of life in the region and attract visitors.

Minnesota Discovery Center - $2,385,000
Minnesota Discovery Center's mission is to "collect, preserve, interpret and promote the history and cultural heritage of northeastern Minnesota; and to manage, promote, sustain and develop the assets of the Discovery Center for the long-term benefit of area residents and visitors." The opening of the Redhead mountain bike park in Chisholm has provided MDC with additional opportunities for future growth.

The Sublease/Management Agreement provides an annual $1,935,000 operating subsidy, the interest on an endowment fund and a $150,000 challenge grant for operating or endowment fund raising. In addition to these financial terms, the budget includes $300,000 for building capital improvements.

Commissioner Program - $500,000
Grants under the Commissioner Program allow the agency to respond quickly to emergency situations or to support development opportunities that may not meet other program requirements.

Grant Writing Assistance - $30,000
The Grant Writing Assistance program reimburses communities, non-profits and educational organizations for up to one-half of the cost of preparing and applying for funding from other state, federal or private grant programs.

Regional Trails Program - $1,000,000
The Regional Trails program provides funding to assist cities, townships and non-government organizations with trail planning, design, equipment and construction of various types of trails within the region. Trail types may include: bike, hiking, ATV and snowmobile.

Region 3

Region 3 Budget

Region 3 Grant – Carlton/Koochiching	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Projected	FY 2027 Budget
Region 3	$508,647	$508,647	$491,792

State law directs Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation to serve as the fiscal agent for Carlton and Koochiching County (Region 3) grants from occupation taxes for economic and environmental development projects. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation does not make any funding decisions, but funds pass through under the following provisions:

- The Region 3 allocation is equal to the amount that would have been generated by a 1.5-cent tax imposed on each taxable ton for the preceding production year.
- By law, one-third of the portion allocated for Koochiching County must be used to fund the Koochiching County Economic Development Commission.

Giants Ridge

Giants Ridge Budget

Giants Ridge	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Projected	FY 2027 Budget
Revenue			
Operating Revenues	$8,125,689	$9,210,294	$8,019,019
Investment by Type			
Operations	$5,705,074	$4,020,537	$6,471,496
*New Capital / Projects	4,869,604	4,869,604	5,879,030
Deferred Maintenance Account	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total Investment	**$11,074,678**	**$9,390,141**	**$12,850,526**
Total Expense Budget	**$19,200,367**	**$18,600,435**	**$20,869,545**

Giants Ridge Recreation Area promotes destination tourism and offers a variety of recreational opportunities that enhance the quality of life for visitors and area residents. It also supports the agency's mission to enhance and diversify the economy of the agency's service area. Multiplier economic impacts from Giants Ridge on the local economy are estimated to be over $55 million. Continued investments in the facility help meet customer expectations and keep Giants Ridge competitive.

Giants Ridge is a destination for amateur and high school sports and is currently the host site for the Minnesota State High School League alpine and cross-country state championship races. Private sector lodging partners help fulfill hospitality needs in the recreation area and it is also home to a growing residential development population.

The facility has a single operator management contract for all recreational amenities. The model provides for expanded revenue opportunities and provides more flexibility. This budget supports reinvestment at Giants Ridge to build a better future.

Operational Costs

Operational Costs Budget

Operational Costs	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 Projected	FY 2027 Budget
Payroll			
Wages and Benefits	$6,263,755	$5,081,769	$6,698,087
Retirement Insurance	303,505	303,505	315,682
Workers Compensation	65,000	65,000	65,000
Other Payroll Costs	111,600	103,274	98,200
Total Payroll	**$6,743,860**	**$5,553,548**	**$7,176,969**
Purchased Services			
Rentals and Utilities	$124,300	$137,300	$185,680
Printing and Advertising	122,000	81,106	162,000
Professional/Technical Services	1,079,000	353,406	1,248,500
Computer and Computer Services	352,000	389,000	389,000
Communications	159,500	177,500	164,500
Travel	231,500	112,000	236,500
Employee Development	63,000	45,907	64,000
Total Purchased Services	**$2,131,300**	**$1,258,625**	**$2,450,180**
Supplies and Equipment	**$554,500**	**$341,922**	**$633,000**
Repairs and Maintenance	**$455,000**	**$320,000**	**$590,000**
Indirect Costs			
Statewide Indirect Costs	$210,317	$210,317	$205,488
Attorney General Costs	25,000	500	25,000
Total Indirect Costs	**$235,317**	**$210,817**	**$235,317**
Other Operating Costs	**$392,400**	**$292,458**	**$389,900**
Total Operational Costs	**$10,512,377**	**$7,977,370**	**$11,470,537**

Operational costs include day-to-day general and administrative expenses for running the agency: payroll, purchased services, supplies and equipment, repairs and maintenance, indirect costs and other operating costs.

APPENDIX A – IRRR BOARD RECOMMENDED SCHOOL DISBURSEMENTS

District	**Amount**
St. Louis County	$ 333,388
Ely	92,679
Mesabi East	150,972
Rock Ridge	414,115
Hibbing	385,797
Chisholm	118,240
Mt. Iron / Buhl	118,975
Greenway	174,142
Northland Learning Center	33,284
Nashwauk / Keewatin	100,403
Total	**$1,921,995**

APPENDIX B – TEPF SPECIAL PROJECT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Fund Recipient	Amount	Project
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	$250,000	Brimson Wildfire Economic Relief Program
Biwabik Township	250,000	Culvert replacement
Biwabik, City of	70,000	Sidewalk repair and replacement
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	100,000	Facility improvements at Vermilion Sector
Cherry Township	250,000	Townhall/Firehall improvements and expansion
Chisholm, City of	300,000	Public infrastructure (Wenton Addition)
Cotton Township	25,000	Facility improvements
Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District	200,000	Public infrastructure
Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club	500,000	Planning, engineering and construction on shared facility to serve the Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club & Prospectors ATV Club
Ely, City of	50,000	Pickleball court
Fall Lake Township	200,000	Road improvements
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	100,000	Facility improvements
Hibbing Public Utilities	350,000	Public infrastructure (water)
Hibbing, City of	350,000	Public infrastructure (sewer)
Hoyt Lakes, City of	60,000	Ice arena improvements
Hoyt Lakes, City of	100,000	Planning, restoration and repurposing the historic CCC Pavilion into a multi-use trailhead
Itasca County	275,000	Warba Trail improvements
Lake County EDA	100,000	North Shore Wildfire Economic Relief Program
Lutsen Township	550,000	Gitchee-Gami Trail improvements
McDavitt Township	50,000	Ballfield improvements
Morcom Township	30,000	Facility improvements
Silver Creek Township	250,000	Townhall improvements
St. Louis County Schools – NE Range	15,000	Door replacement
Taconite, City of	400,000	Facility improvements and public infrastructure
Veterans on the Lake	200,000	Facility improvements and expansion
Virginia, City of	400,000	Steam plant demolition and street improvements
Voyageurs Trail Society	$75,000	Groomer
Total	**$5,500,000**	