

**ADDENDUM A**  
**IRRRB Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.**

**(Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.015, some Board members participated by interactive technology.)**

**1) Roll Call**

Representative Spencer Igo, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. Laureen Hall took roll call. Present: Representative Spencer Igo, Representative Ben Davis, Representative Dave Lislegard, Senator Justin Eichorn, Senator Grant Hauschild, Representative Roger Skraba. Present via ZOOM: Senator Bobby Joe Champion and Senator Robert Farnsworth. Excused: None. Minute Taker: Laureen Hall, Executive Aide. Also present: Ida Rukavina, Commissioner; Al Becicka, Deputy Commissioner; Matt Sjoberg, Executive Director of Development; Scott Sundvall, Loan Officer; Ryan Malich, Loan Officer; Janelle Greschner, Director of Business Recruitment; Whitney Ridlon, Community Development Director; Chris Ismil, Community Development Representative; Bob Scuffy, Accounting Director; Sheryl Kochevar, Communications Director; Jim Plummer, Trails Coordinator; Roy Smith, Director of Talent Development; Billie Isham, Tribal Liaison; Janette Godec, Executive Assistant; Sara Ferkul, Executive Assistant; Jack Mitchell and John Hyduke, HWY35, LLC

**2) Approval of the August 9, 2023, Minutes**

Representative Roger Skraba moved approval of the August 9, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Laureen Hall took a roll call vote.

**Voting in Favor of the Motion:** Representative Ben Davis, Senator Justin Eichorn, Senator Grant Hauschild, Representative Spencer Igo, Representative Dave Lislegard, Representative Roger Skraba, Senator Bobby Joe Champion

**Voting Against the Motion:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Excused:** Senator Robert Farnsworth

**3) Northern Expanding Industrial dba ARMECO – Resolution No. 24-007**

Representative Ben Davis moved that the Board recommend an expenditure of up to \$95,000 of DJJ Development Project Funds to purchase a participation interest in a bank loan to ARMECO, which will allow the company to purchase a larger computer numerical control mill to meet growing demand and to expand production of customer requested products, as presented in Resolution No. 24-007. Motion carried.

Laureen Hall took a roll call vote.

**Voting in Favor of the Motion:** Representative Ben Davis, Senator Justin Eichorn, Senator Grant Hauschild, Representative Spencer Igo, Representative Dave Lislegard, Representative Roger Skraba, Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Senator Robert Farnsworth

**Voting Against the Motion:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Excused:** None

**IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION ADVISORY BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DOUGLAS J JOHNSON ECONOMIC PROTECTION TRUST FUND  
PURCHASE OF A PARTICIPATION INTEREST IN A LOAN  
FOR NORTHERN EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL INC D/B/A AREMCO PROJECT**

**Resolution No.: 24-007**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner is authorized to expend, after consultation with the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Advisory Board (“**Board**”), the Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund monies made available under Minnesota Statutes Sections 298.291-298.297 and Minnesota Statute Section 298.28, subdivision 11 (“**DJJ Funds**”) to provide loans and participate with private sources in providing financing for various projects located within the Taconite Assistance Area (“**TAA**”) as that term is defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 273.1341, which satisfy the purposes detailed in Minnesota Statutes Section 298.292, subdivision 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the agency’s fiscal year 2024 budget includes provision for the use of certain DJJ Funds for economic development projects under a budget line item category for DJJ Development Projects (“**DJJ Development Project Funds**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner has received a proposal for financial assistance from Northern Expanding Industrial Inc d/b/a Aremco (“**Aremco**”) that, in combination with funds provided from other sources, will allow Aremco to purchase a larger computer numerical control mill to meet growing demand and to expand production of customer requested products (the “**Project**”), which is more specifically described in the Board packet materials which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner has requested the Board to recommend the expenditure of up to \$95,000 of DJJ Development Project Funds to purchase a participation interest in a bank loan to Aremco, which is being made as part of a \$210,000 total investment to finance the cost of the Project, with the participation interest to be acquired on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in Exhibit A and as otherwise discussed at the board meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the technical advisory committee, appointed by the Commissioner under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 298.297 to review the terms and conditions of the proposed Project, met on October 10, 2023, and recommended approval of the requested financial assistance for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board met in open session at 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2023, at the agency’s Administration Building located near Eveleth, Minnesota, with some members participating via interactive technology as authorized by Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.015, to consider, among other matters, Aremco’s request for financial assistance for the Project and has determined that it would be in the public interest to recommend the expenditure of DJJ Development Project Funds for the Project, and that the granting of the requested financial assistance would promote economic development in the TAA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the Board hereby recommends the expenditure of up to \$95,000 of DJJ Development Project Funds to purchase a participation interest in a bank loan to Aremco to finance a portion of the cost of the Project, with such participation interest to be purchased on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in Exhibit A and in the agency’s standard participation loan forms.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION ADVISORY BOARD THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.**

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Excused
Senator Bobby Joe Champion	X			
Senator Justin Eichorn	X			
Senator Robert Farnsworth	X			
Senator Grant Hauschild	X			
Representative Ben Davis	X			
Representative Spencer Igo	X			
Representative Dave Lislegard	X			
Representative Roger Skraba	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Spencer Igo, Chair

**Participation Loan**

**Northern Expanding Industrial  
d/b/a AREMCO**

**Applicant:** Northern Expanding Industrial d/b/a AREMCO  
**Project Location:** 515 Itasca Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744

**Principal(s):** David Henriksen

**Project Description:** AREMCO is seeking to purchase a large computer numerical control (CNC) mill to meet growing demand and expand production of customer-requested products. The new machine uses the latest enhancements (high speed machining, smooth control and efficiency increase) which will allow for greater production.

**Market Opportunity:** AREMCO has produced gears and related components for the aerospace industry since 1961, which includes military, commercial and private aircrafts. They are currently registered and certified to ISO9000 and AS9100 (aerospace). With the purchase of this equipment, they will be able to expand their presence in the mining, pipeline machining and manufacturing of automation components industries.

A larger machine envelope also allows the company to draw work in from outside of their immediate area, ensuring future growth.

**Project Investment:**

Agency/Partner Investor	Investment Terms	Amount
Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation - Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund (DJJ)	Participation loan, formula rate	\$95,000
Woodland Bank	Bank loan, equipment	\$95,000
Equity		\$20,000
<b>Total Project Investment</b>		<b>\$210,000</b>

**Jobs: 1 - 3 Planned New 3 Retained**

**Wages: \$20 - \$40 per hour**

**Collateral:** All assets purchased with agency funding. Personal guarantee of David Henriksen.

**Business History:** AREMCO was formed in St. Louis Park, Minnesota in 1961 by Ralph Grimm. In 1999 it was purchased by Brian Warren, and operations were relocated to Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Dave Henriksen purchased the company in 2021 and has significantly increased sales and demand. AREMCO produces gears and related components for the aerospace industries that include military and commercial and private aircraft; along with instrumentation, missile guidance and general machining.

**Past Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation History:** None

**Contingencies:** None

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Recommendation:** The TAC recommended approval at its October 10, 2023 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 298.291-298.298) pertaining to expenditures of Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund monies for economic development projects in that these statutes authorize small business development loans to private enterprises for the purposes of job creation and economic development within the Taconite Assistance Area defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 273.1341.

#### **4) HWY35, LLC – Resolution No. 24-008**

Senator Grant Hauschild moved that the Board recommend an expenditure up to \$10,000,000 from the DJJ Fund Corpus to HWY35, LLC which, in conjunction with a \$10 million investment from the Minnesota 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund by DEED, and additional financial incentives from the City of Grant Rapids, will result in the construction and subsequent operation of a state-of-the-art cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facility in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, as presented in Resolution No. 24-008. Motion carried.

Laureen Hall took a roll call vote.

**Voting in Favor of the Motion:** Senator Grant Hauschild, Representative Spencer Igo, Representative Dave Lislegard, Representative Roger Skraba, Senator Bobby Joe Champion

**Voting Against the Motion:** Senator Justin Eichorn, Senator Robert Farnsworth, Representative Ben Davis

**Abstain:** None

**Excused:** None

**IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION ADVISORY BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DOUGLAS J. JOHNSON ECONOMIC PROTECTION TRUST FUND  
HWY35, LLC PROJECT RECOMMENDATION**

#### **Resolution No.: 24-008**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Section 298.296, Subdivision 2 (c) authorizes the Commissioner to expend, within or for the benefit of the Taconite Assistance Area defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 273.1341 ("**TAA**"), and after

consultation with the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Advisory Board (“**Board**”), the corpus of the Douglas J Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund (the “**DJJ Fund Corpus**”) for projects and programs described in Minnesota Statutes Section 298.292, subdivision 1 that either (a) are designed to create and maintain productive, permanent, skilled employment, including employment in technologically innovative businesses; or (b) encourage diversification of the economy and promote the development of certain sectors of the TAA economy; or (c) for which technological and economic feasibility have been demonstrated; and

**WHEREAS**, HWY35, LLC (“**HWY35**”), a Minnesota business company with its principal headquarters in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, is proposing to build a state-of-the-art cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facility that will directly employ up to 400 full-time workers in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, which is located within the TAA (“**HWY35 Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the agency, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (“**DEED**”), has been in negotiations with HWY35 to provide financial incentives to entice HWY35 to locate the HWY35 Project within the TAA; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have reached an agreement whereby the agency will provide HWY35 with up to \$10 million in funding from the DJJ Fund Corpus which, in conjunction with a \$10 million investment from the Minnesota 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund by DEED, as authorized under Minnesota Statute Sections 116J.423-116J.424, and additional financial incentives from the City of Grand Rapids, will result in the construction and subsequent operation of the HWY35 Project in Grand Rapids, as more fully described in the board packet materials and as presented by staff, which materials are hereby incorporated into this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the technical advisory committee appointed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 298.297 met on October 10, 2023, and recommended that the Board approve the HWY35 Project as presented in accordance with the information provided in the board packet materials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board met in open session at 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2023 at the agency’s Administration Building located near Eveleth, Minnesota, with some members participating via interactive technology as authorized by Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.015, to consider, among other matters, the HWY35 Project and has determined that the proposed expenditure of funds for the HWY35 Project will create and maintain productive, permanent skilled employment and will diversify and promote the development of the economy of the TAA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Board recommends the expenditure of up to \$10 million from the DJJ Fund Corpus in support of the HWY35 Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board’s recommendation of all expenditures for the HWY35 Project is subject to the conditions set forth in the Board packet materials and the provisions customarily contained in agency financing documents and Board Resolution 96-005 that require the recipient of financial assistance to pay at least prevailing wages to workers performing work on Board recommended projects.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION ADVISORY BOARD THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.**

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Excused
Senator Bobby Joe Champion	X			
Senator Justin Eichorn		X		
Senator Robert Farnsworth		X		
Senator Grant Hauschild	X			
Representative Ben Davis		X		
Representative Spencer Igo	X			
Representative Dave Lislegard	X			
Representative Roger Skraba	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Spencer Igo, Chair

**5) FY24 Public Works Projects – Resolution No. 24-009**

Representative Roger Skraba moved that the Board recommend an expenditure of up to \$457,000 of FY24 Public Works-TEPF Funds for three community and development infrastructure projects, as presented in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 24-009. Motion carried.

Laureen Hall took a roll call vote.

**Voting in Favor of the Motion:** Representative Ben Davis, Senator Justin Eichorn, Senator Robert Farnsworth, Senator Grant Hauschild, Representative Spencer Igo, Representative Dave Lislegard, Representative Roger Skraba, Senator Bobby Joe Champion

**Voting Against the Motion:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Excused:** None

**IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION ADVISORY BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA  
TACONITE AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND  
FY24 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Resolution No.: 24-009**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the agency’s approved fiscal year 2024 (“FY24”) budget, the Commissioner is authorized to expend up to \$8,500,000 for development and community infrastructure projects, for the benefit of the Taconite Assistance Area as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 273.1341 (“**TAA**”), from the line item for Public Works funded through the Taconite Area Environmental Protection Fund as authorized by Minnesota Statutes Section 298.223 (“**Public Works-TEPF Funds**”), of which \$3,016,726 has already been obligated for projects, leaving \$5,483,274 that has not yet been recommended by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Advisory Board (“**Board**”) for expenditure during FY24; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner has received proposals for the expenditure of up to \$457,000 for three community and development infrastructure projects, which are more fully described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference (collectively the “**Proposed Projects**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board met in open session at 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2023, at the agency’s Administration Building located near Eveleth, Minnesota, with some members participating via interactive technology as authorized by Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.015, to consider, among other matters, the Proposed Projects and has determined that the expenditure of Public Works-TEPF Funds for the purposes and in the amounts specified in Exhibit A would be in the public interest and promote economic development within the TAA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby recommends the expenditure of up to \$457,000 of FY24 Public Works-TEPF Funds to provide grants for the Proposed Projects in the amounts and for the purposes set forth in Exhibit A.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board’s recommendation for the expenditure of funds for all of the Proposed Projects, including those Proposed Projects which have associated private development work, is contingent upon the agency, in its grant contracts, requiring each such grantee entity to commit to the payment of prevailing wages for the funded project as required by law, or to the extent required in the Board’s Resolution 96-005.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board's recommendation for the expenditure of all funds for the Proposed Projects is further contingent upon all such project financing being in place before the agency's funds are released.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION ADVISORY BOARD THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.**

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Excused
Senator Bobby Joe Champion	X			
Senator Justin Eichorn	X			
Senator Robert Farnsworth	X			
Senator Grant Hauschild	X			
Representative Ben Davis	X			
Representative Spencer Igo	X			
Representative Dave Lislegard	X			
Representative Roger Skraba	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Spencer Igo, Chair

## Development Infrastructure

### City of Gilbert

**Grant Amount: \$200,000**

The project consists of infrastructure, site work and road construction. The city provided a parcel of land to Approve Plumbing to construct a new 3,600-square-foot plumbing and heating service center. By extending sewer and water utilities and constructing a highway access point, the city has the potential for additional commercial development on 30 acres of city owned land. The project is expected to create five permanent jobs and four construction jobs.

Uses		Sources	
Infrastructure and site work	\$261,815	Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation	\$200,000
Building construction	488,185	City	139,800
A&E	7,200	Private	483,628
Contingency	13,628		
Land acquisition	52,600		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$823,428</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$823,428</b>

### City of Ely

**Grant Amount: \$108,000**

The project consists of infrastructure and site work for housing construction. Voyager North Outfitters recently purchased two parcels of land from the city with plans to construct five cabins and three fully electric RV sites. The rental cabins can serve as workforce, tourism or student housing. The project is expected to create two permanent jobs and eight construction jobs.

Uses		Sources	
Infrastructure	\$211,121	Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation	\$108,000
Facility construction	936,338	City	37,750
A&E	2,950	Private	996,659
Contingency	70,000	Ely Economic Development Authority (Loan)	13,000
		Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (FY 2023)	65,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,220,409</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,220,409</b>

## Community Infrastructure

### City of Hibbing

#### Grant Amount: \$149,000

The project consists of lining existing residential sewer line between Highway 169 and 37<sup>th</sup> Street. These sewer lines were constructed between 1948 and 1953 and are failing. The sanitary sewers were constructed using clay tile pipe that over time has become very brittle. Many of the joints have become offset, and there are many areas of pipe that have longitudinal and lateral cracking. The new lining will extend the life of the infrastructure. The project is expected to create five construction jobs.

Uses		Sources	
Sewer lining construction	\$724,417	Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation	\$149,000
		City	450,417
		Community Development Block Grant	125,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$724,417</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$724,417</b>

#### 6) FY24 Regional Trails Projects – Resolution No. 24-010

Senator Justin Eichorn moved that the Board recommend an expenditure of up to \$1,019,650 of FY24 Regional Trails Program Funds for six regional trails projects, as presented in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 24-010. Motion carried.

Laureen Hall took a roll call vote.

**Voting in Favor of the Motion:** Representative Ben Davis, Senator Justin Eichorn, Senator Robert Farnsworth, Senator Grant Hauschild, Representative Spencer Igo, Representative Dave Lislegard, Representative Roger Skraba, Senator Bobby Joe Champion

**Voting Against the Motion:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Excused:** None

**IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION ADVISORY BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DOUGLAS J. JOHNSON ECONOMIC PROTECTION TRUST FUND  
FY24 REGIONAL TRAILS PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### Resolution No.: 24-010

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the agency’s approved fiscal year 2024 (“FY24”) budget, the Commissioner is authorized to expend up to \$2,000,000 for regional trails projects from the corpus of the Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust Fund as authorized by Minnesota Statutes Sections 298.292, subdivision 1, and 298.296, subdivision 2(c) (“**Regional Trails Program Funds**”) for the benefit of the Taconite Assistance Area as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 273.1341 (“**TAA**”), of which \$700,000 has already been obligated for projects, leaving \$1,300,000 that has not yet been recommended by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Advisory Board (“**Board**”) for expenditure during FY24; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner has received proposals for the expenditure of up to \$1,019,650 for six regional trails projects, which are more fully described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference (collectively the “**Proposed Projects**”); and



**WHEREAS**, the Board met in open session at 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2023, at the agency's Administration Building located near Eveleth, Minnesota, with some members participating via interactive technology as authorized by Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.015, to consider, among other matters, the Proposed Projects and has determined that the expenditure of Regional Trails Program Funds for the purposes and in the amounts specified would be in the public interest and promote economic development within the TAA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the Board hereby recommends the expenditure of up to \$1,019,650 of FY24 Regional Trails Program Funds to provide grants for the Proposed Projects in the amounts and for the purposes set forth in Exhibit A.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board's recommendation for the expenditure of all funds for the Proposed Projects, including those Proposed Projects which have associated private development work, is contingent upon the agency, in its grant contracts, requiring each such grantee entity to commit to the payment of prevailing wages for the funded project as required by law, or to the extent required in the Board's Resolution 96-005.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board's recommendation for the expenditure of all funds for the Proposed Projects is further contingent upon all such project financing being in place before the agency's funds are released.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION ADVISORY BOARD THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.**

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Excused
Senator Bobby Joe Champion	X			
Senator Justin Eichorn	X			
Senator Robert Farnsworth	X			
Senator Grant Hauschild	X			
Representative Ben Davis	X			
Representative Spencer Igo	X			
Representative Dave Lislegard	X			
Representative Roger Skraba	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Spencer Igo, Chair

#### City of Biwabik

#### Grant Amount: \$28,500

The project consists of constructing a paved trail connecting a park pavilion to a gazebo, which are both located within the Biwabik Park in the center of town. The six-foot wide walking trail will also have two separate 10-foot by 15-foot paved surfaces to accommodate ADA accessible picnic tables. The Biwabik Park is often used for community events, weddings, parties, family reunions and general recreation. The project was proposed by East Range Rotary Club and Biwabik Area Civic Association.

Uses		Sources	
Construction of paved trail and ADA accessibility	\$57,000	Applicant	\$28,500
		IRRR	\$28,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,000</b>

**City of Chisholm****Grant Amount: \$500,000**

The project consists of creating a master plan for the future expansion of Redhead MTB Park and establishing Chisholm connectivity, building out and constructing of Chisholm bike lanes and other in-town amenities such as a pump track and bike racks; upgrading Redhead MTB Park; and, meeting the overall goal of establishing Chisholm as a destination “biketown.” Redhead MTB Park opened in 2020 and is expanding with the momentum of a supportive community and joint powers group, consisting of the city of Chisholm, Minnesota Discovery Center and Iron Range Off-Road Cyclists. They are working to expand the trail system and formalize the connectivity of trails into the city of Chisholm. Redhead MTB Park has won awards, received federal, state, and local grant funding, has been featured in two films, and welcomed tens of thousands of cyclists and hikers.

<b>Uses</b>		<b>Sources</b>	
Redhead MTB Park master plan, connecting trail into Chisholm including in-town amenities (designated bike lanes, skills areas, bike racks, etc.), upgrades to Redhead MTB Park, other trail development, and all other related amenities	\$1,006,000	Applicant	\$6,000
		State Appropriation Parks & Trails Management Funding	\$500,000
		IRRR	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,006,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,006,000</b>

**Crow Wing County****Grant Amount: \$110,000**

The project consists of expanding recreational opportunities at the Milford Mine Memorial Park. The park currently has walking trails, picnic shelters, a bathroom, a parking area and numerous interpretative displays. To better serve the county and park visitors, Crow Wing County is proposing to build an additional 1.25 miles of walking trails, including 1,200+ feet of boardwalk, a pier, two picnic pavilions and numerous benches and tables. The new trails will be of similar design to the existing park and will incorporate interpretative information that educates the public and describes the mining operations that occurred at the site.

<b>Uses</b>		<b>Sources</b>	
Boardwalks, walking trail construction, trail infrastructure (gates, culverts, bollards, split rail fence), pier, interpretative information, benches and tables, picnic shelters and related amenities	\$1,243,500	Applicant	\$933,500
		IRRR	\$110,000
		IRRR Mineland Reclamation grant	\$200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,243,500</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,243,500</b>

**Iron Range Tourism Bureau****Grant Amount: \$100,000**

The project consists of funding a grant program for trail and trail amenity projects. The grant program is managed by Iron Range Tourism Bureau (IRTB), in cooperation with a grants committee from the Northern St. Louis County Trails Task

Force. Task force members represent land managers from the DNR, US Forest Service and St. Louis County, as well as clubs and user groups including ATV, snowmobiling, road cycling, mountain bike, hiking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding. The cap for a grant awarded through the program is \$10,000 and a match is required. Eligible projects include trail upgrades and construction, equipment purchases, trail amenities, trail planning and other projects that connect people to the outdoors. Prior agency grants to the IRTB for the program have resulted in 48 trail projects being funded since 2020.

Uses		Sources	
Trails task force small grant program for trail construction and amenities	\$200,000	Applicant	\$100,000
		IRRR	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

#### **Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club**

##### **Grant Amount: \$31,150**

The project consists of purchasing two snowmobiles, one ATV and a trailer to help groom and maintain various ski trails. Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club was established in 1991 with a mission to promote cross-country skiing as a healthy family activity. They have 250-member families and are responsible for grooming and maintaining eight area ski trails in Itasca County. The ski club has strong support and partnerships with local businesses, government and non-profit organizations. They host numerous events that are attended by locals and visitors, and provide healthy, family-friendly winter activities throughout Itasca County.

Uses		Sources	
Purchase snowmobiles, trailer and ATV with tracks	\$62,300	Applicant	\$31,150
		IRRR	\$31,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,300</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,300</b>

#### **City of Virginia**

##### **Grant Amount: \$250,000**

The project consists of re-routing a floating trail on the southeast side of Silver Lake and near the Public Utilities Building. The new floating bridge will provide a unique experience for users and alleviate existing safety hazards. The project is the final piece to complete Silver Lake Trail as a contiguous trail around the lake. Silver Lake Trail is located in the center of the city and adjacent to downtown, residential neighborhoods, schools, Olcott Park, Bailey's Lake Trail and the Mesabi Trail. When fully completed, the trail will complement other outdoor attractions surrounding the lake, including a swimming beach, picnic areas, ballfields, fishing and open spaces. The trail promotes active, healthy living for residents and visitors.

Uses		Sources	
Trail planning and design	\$58,198	Applicant	\$179,719
Construction	\$1,015,651	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund	\$824,130
Construction administration	\$80,000	IRRR	\$250,000
Contingency	\$100,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,253,849</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,253,849</b>

#### **4) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.