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
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XI. Adjournment
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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
TEDF: $650,958
Total Project Investment: $4,581,000

Project: Ball Mill Replacement
TEDF: $1,223,159
Total Project Investment: $4,700,000

Project: 167 Pellet Yard Reclaim Conwayor
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
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

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

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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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
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*
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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
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.
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.
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.
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.
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<td>City of Aitkin</td>
<td>Infrastructure &amp; site work for construction of new 35-unit apartment complex.</td>
<td>$323,000</td>
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<td>City of Cohasset</td>
<td>Watermain extension to serve residential homes and a business expansion.</td>
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<td>Cook County/Grand Marais EDA</td>
<td>Infrastructure &amp; site work for a mixed use development.</td>
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<td>Cook County/Grand Marais EDA</td>
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## Broadband Infrastructure Projects

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<td>CTC Communications – Cuyuna Range Broadband Expansion Project: Crow Wing County</td>
<td>Expand CTC Communications fiber optic broadband network to serve 500 unserved and underserved households in rural Crow Wing County.</td>
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<td>Breitung Township</td>
<td>Road reconstruction and storm sewer construction on North 2nd Street.</td>
<td>$40,000</td>
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<td>Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority</td>
<td>Primary runway safety area (RSA) reconstruction.</td>
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<td>City of Ely</td>
<td>Phase I improvements to the Ely Wastewater Treatment Facility.</td>
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<td>City of Eveleth</td>
<td>Water, sewer, storm sewer and road reconstruction for portions of Douglas and Roosevelt Avenues.</td>
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<td>City of Hibbing</td>
<td>Replacement of the Kelly Lake lift station.</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
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<td>City of Hoyt Lakes</td>
<td>Emergency services facility access and storm sewer drainage improvements.</td>
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<td>Lone Pine Township</td>
<td>Community septic assessment and predevelopment work.</td>
<td>$190,000</td>
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<td>City of Nashwauk</td>
<td>Site, lift station and equalization basin construction to accommodate expansion of city’s wastewater treatment facility.</td>
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<td>Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board</td>
<td>Replacement of 22 force-main manholes.</td>
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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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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

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<td>Crow Wing County</td>
<td>Provide viable emergency-vehicle access roads as well as detailed mapping for emergency responders.</td>
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*Resolution No. 22-014*
IRON RANGE HIGHER EDUCATION ACCOUNT

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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
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.
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Resolution No. 22-015
IRON RANGE SCHOOL COLLABORATION ACCOUNT

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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

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Resolution No. 22-016
Thank you!

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