

RANGE READINESS INITIATIVE
Strategy Team Meeting VII
Monday, April 28, 2008 - 9:00 A.M. - Noon
Iron Range Resources Board Room
Eveleth, MN

OBJECTIVE

To prepare and implement a coordinated regional strategy responding to the opportunities and needs associated with regional large-scale development projects

PROPOSED AGENDA

- A. Welcome and Review of March 24th Meeting Results and Next Steps - Randy Lasky, Facilitator
- B. Agenda and Expected Outcomes for Today's Session
- C. RRI Evaluation...How are we doing?
 - Are we bringing value?
 - What can we do better?
 - Changes we should make?
- D. Work Team Updates and Actions
 - **Housing Team Update, Mary Ives, Chair**
 - Project Expeditor Field Work Update – Steve Griesert, Community Partners Research, Inc.
 - Background of the Team
 - What's been accomplished to date?
 - What have we learned so far...biggest surprise, trends, major concerns?
 - What are the major housing development needs and next steps?
 - Market Assessment Status and Draft Report Timing
 - Housing Action Plan Development
 - Infrastructure Funding
 - Housing Event Plans
 - **Workforce Development Team Update, Roy Smith, Facilitator**
 - Work Plan Update
 - Construction Workforce Meeting with Frank Rahne
 - Union Issues with John Grahek
 - Workforce Projections Update by Companies
 - **Opportunities Development Team Update, Nancy Norr, Chair**
 - Supplier Chain Development – Update on Manufacturing Cluster
 - **Community Readiness Update, Barb Hayden and Andy Hubley**
 - St. Louis County Readiness Activities
 - Itasca County Readiness Activities
 - Combined Readiness Work Team Membership Changes and Launch
 - **Communications Team Update, Rob West, Chair**
 - Beta Web Site Presentation and Update – John Kolhase, W.A. Fisher
 - Communications Plan Development – John Kolhase
 - Review of Recent and Upcoming Presentations to Regional Groups
 - Plans for a Regional RRI Public Relations Event

- Regional Opinion Polling, Nancy Norr and Rob West
- **Projects Team**
 - Meeting with KeeTac Representative, Peter McDermott and Sandy Layman
 - Reschedule planning meeting

Break

- E. NEG/Regional Innovation Grant Update, Michelle Ufford and Don Hoag
- F. RRI Budget and Current Resource Alignment - Second Draft
- G. Review Next Steps and Responsibilities
 - Agenda items
 - Next meeting date and location
 - Other business
- H. Adjourn