

**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012 - 6:30 P.M.**

A G E N D A

- I. Roll Call
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the September 17, 2012, Regular Meeting (#1-8)
 - B. Receipts
 - C. Bills and Payroll
 - D. Communication (#21-27)
- III. Public Forum
 - A. Eichorn Mini Storage
- IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - C. Interim Director of Public Works Report
 - 1. Authorization to Purchase Transformer (#9)
 - D. Library Director's Report
 - E. Sheriff's Department Report
 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - G. Personnel Committee
 - 1. AFSCME Local 453 Agreements (#10) *
 - H. Parks and Recreation Board
 - 1. Request to Advertise for Winter Workers (#11)
 - I. Public Health and Safety Board
 - 1. Request to Advertise for EMT (#12)
 - J. Liaison Reports
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. IRRRB Public Works Grant Application (#13-14)
 - B. Proclamation to End Domestic Violence (#15-16)
 - C. Request to Serve Liquor (#17)
 - D. Safety Management Program Contract (#18-20)
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- VIII. Announcements (#28)
- IX. Adjourn

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MINUTES
MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

Mayor Skalko called the City Council meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Prebeg, Jr., Susan Tuomela, Ed Roskoski, and Mayor Gary Skalko. Absent member included: Tony Zupancich. Also present were: Craig J. Wainio, City Administrator; Jill M. Clark, Municipal Services Secretary; Rod Flannigan, City Engineer; Michael Downs, Interim Public Works Director; John Backman, Sergeant; and Brian Lindsay, City Attorney.

It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela that the consent agenda be approved as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012, regular meeting as submitted.
2. That the communications be accepted and placed on file and those requiring further action by the City Council be acted upon during their proper sequence on the agenda.
3. To acknowledge the receipts for the period September 1-15, 2012 totaling \$133,184.58, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).
4. To authorize the payments of the bills and payroll for the period September 1-15, 2012, totaling \$535,547.01, (a list is attached and made a part of these minutes).

The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Prebeg, yes; Tuomela, yes; Roskoski, no; Skalko, yes; and Zupancich, absent.

At 6:33 p.m., Councilor Roskoski vacated his chair and approached the podium for the public forum. Councilor Roskoski made a presentation of a historic picture of Steam Locomotive 806 that is currently located in Locomotive Park in Downtown Mountain Iron to the City. Councilor Roskoski stated that the picture was taken October 5, 1943, and found in the University of Minnesota Archives by Marvin Saari. He also thanked Barb Tucker from Andrews Camera for retouching the photo, enlarging it, and framing it. The Mayor thanked those involved with the donation of the picture.

The City Administrator reported on the following:

- AFSCME Local Union #453. He advised the Council that the Negotiating Committee met with AFSCME Local Union #453 and had come to a tentative agreement. He advised the Council that the union did meet and approved the tentative contract. The tentative agreement would be presented to the City Council at the next regular meeting.

Councilor Roskoski questioned the Sergeant and the City Administrator regarding a directional issue going east on Highway 169. The Mayor asked the City Administrator and the Interim Director of Public Works to contact the Minnesota Department of Transportation to inquire about adding some directional signage.

The Council reviewed the Sheriff's Department monthly statistical reports for the months of July and August, 2012.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Tuomela to authorize payment request number one for the Locomotive Park Improvements-Phase II Project to Jola and Sopp Excavating Incorporated in the amount of \$29,782.50. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Tuomela, yes; Roskoski, no; Prebeg, yes, Skalko, yes; and Zupancich, absent.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Tuomela to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and authorize the Conditional Use Permit for Robert Niemi to construct a 1,040 square foot building on his property located at 8788 Mud Lake Road, Mountain Iron, parcel code 175-0056-00080. After further discussion, Councilor Prebeg **withdrew his motion** and Councilor Tuomela **withdrew her support**.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Tuomela to refer the Robert Niemi Conditional Use Permit application back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for reconsideration due to the need for a variance for the height of the building. The motion carried with Zupancich absent.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Roskoski to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and approve the Memo of Understanding which provides for a stipend for pager call, Article III, Section G, (a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes). The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Zupancich absent.

Councilor Roskoski inquired about City Staff contacting Saint Louis County regarding adding a right turn lane at the intersection of County Road 7 and Unity Drive. The City Engineer informed the Council that he was informed that there was not sufficient right-of-way to make the turning lane.

The following Liaison Reports were given:

- Library Board. Councilor Tuomela informed the Council that the Library Board had a meeting recently and they discussed security of the library, updating the library policies, strategic plan discussion, and the Library Director's employment agreement.

- Community Conversations. Councilor Tuomela updated the Council regarding the meetings. She said that there were 730 participants and 12 cities involved covering numerous topics. She said that copies of the information were available upon request.
- Mesabi Daily News. Councilor Tuomela addressed a recent onion in the newspaper. She said that there was information regarding her platform when she ran for election, she asked where the onion writer was when she had an open forum at the Mountain Iron Library for eight Saturdays. She suggested that the onion writer apply for open positions in the City.

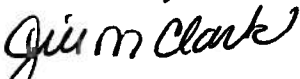
It was moved by Skalko and seconded by Prebeg to authorize a contribution of \$500 to the Virginia Regional Medical Center Foundation for the Dance for a Cure Event on October 5, 2012 in Virginia, with the funds being expended from Charitable Gambling. The motion carried on a roll call vote with Zupancich absent.

It was moved by Prebeg and seconded by Tuomela to allow the Special Events Coordinator to expend \$500 from the Charitable Gambling Fund to purchase new games for the Halloween Carnival. The motion carried on a roll call vote with Zupancich absent.

It was moved by Roskoski and seconded by Prebeg to contribute \$100 to the Rural Housing Coalition with the funds being expended from the Charitable Gambling Fund. The motion carried on a roll call vote with Zupancich absent.

At 7:21 p.m., it was moved by Skalko and seconded by Tuomela that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried with Zupancich absent.

Submitted by:



Bill M. Clark, MMC

Municipal Services Secretary

www.mtniron.com

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Standard & Poor's Rating Service, forwarding the City of Mountain Iron's rating.
2. Club Mesabi Incorporated, a thank you for allowing the Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Tour to use Locomotive Park as a key location for the tour.
3. MediaCom, forwarding information regarding the addition of two channels to the programming choices.
4. Rural Housing Coalition, a request for a donation for the Community Connect event scheduled for October 25th in Virginia.

Summary By Category And Distribution

Category	Distribution	Amount
PERMITS	BUILDING	2,059.69
UTILITY	UTILITY	113,464.05
METER DEPOSITS	ELECTRIC	1,000.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	WATER-CHARGE FOR SERVICES	45.62
MISCELLANEOUS	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PAYABLE	1,931.96
BUILDING RENTALS	BUILDING RENTAL DEPOSITS	800.00
BUILDING RENTALS	COMMUNITY CENTER	1,150.00
CAMPGROUND RECEIPTS	FEES	1,220.00
CD INTEREST	CD INTEREST 101	13.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	ELECTRIC-CHG FOR SERVICES	10,245.37
FINES	FORFEITURES	195.00
CHARGE FOR SERVICES	SERVICES, FEES, MISC.	451.89
BUILDING RENTALS	NICHOLS HALL	400.00
COPIES	COPIES	18.00
MISCELLANEOUS	MISC. - GENERAL	50.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	30.00
MISCELLANEOUS	ELECTRIC RECONNECT FEE	105.00
LICENSES	ANIMAL	5.00
Summary Totals:		<u>133,184.58</u>

Check Issue Date(s): 09/08/2012 - 09/21/2012

Report Criteria:

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09/12	09/18/2012	142885	9035	HEATHER STENLUND AND	604-20200	132.25
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09/12	09/18/2012	142905	130169	MN RURAL HOUSING COALITION	230-20200	100.00
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09/12	09/18/2012	142926	220020	VISA OR AMERICAN BANK CC PMT	101-20200	2,811.33
09/12	09/18/2012	142927	7029	VRMC FOUNDATION	230-20200	500.00
09/12	09/18/2012	142928	230006	WEVEWTEL	101-20200	490.00
09/12	09/18/2012	142929	60038	WRIGHT EXPRESS FINAN SERV CORP	101-20200	8,519.58
09/12	09/18/2012	142930	240001	XEROX CORPORATION	101-20200	538.39
09/12	09/18/2012	142931	260008	ZUPANCICH, DANNY J.	101-20200	150.00

Totals:

465,618.42

Payroll-PP Ending 9/14/12	55,473.81
Electronic Trans.-Sales Tax 9/14/12	14,454.78
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$535,547.01</u>

COUNCIL LETTER 100112-IVC1

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

TRANSFORMER PURCHASE

DATE: September 27, 2012

FROM: Mike Downs
Acting Director of Public Works

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Staff is seeking authorization to purchase a transformer for the Laurentian Clinic. The cost of the transformer will be reimbursed from the Laurentian Clinic. Cost of the transformer will be available at the meeting.

COUNCIL LETTER 100112-IVG1

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

AFSCME AGREEMENT

DATE: September 27, 2012
FROM: Personnel Committee
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Through extensive negotiations with the AFSCME Local a tentative agreement has been reached and approved by the AFSCME Local. The first agreement is a one year agreement covering 2011/2012 and had no changes from the previous agreement.

The second agreement is a three year agreement 2012 to 2015 which includes a freeze on longevity based upon 2011 wages and an increase of \$0.25 per hour in 2012, \$0.25 in 2013 and 2% increase in 2014.

It is recommended that the City Council approve the agreements as presented.

COUNCIL LETTER 100112-IVH1

PARKS AND RECREATION

WINTER WORKERS

DATE: September 27, 2012

FROM: Parks and Recreation Board

Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Parks and Recreation Board is recommending that the City Council authorize the advertisement for winter workers for the upcoming season.

COUNCIL LETTER 100112-IV11
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

EMT

DATE: September 27, 2012
FROM: Public Health and Safety Board
Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

The Public Health and Safety Board is recommending that the City Council authorize the advertisement for Emergency Medical Technicians.

**COUNCIL LETTER 100112-VIA
ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC WORKS GRANTS**

DATE: September 27, 2012

FROM: Craig J. Wainio
City Administrator

Applications for the IRRRB's Public Works Program are due in mid October.
The following is a list of potential project:

Unity Drive Extension submitted by Staff
Electrical System Upgrade submitted by Councilor Roskoski

Mr. Wainio —

9-25-12

Funding Requests:

IRRRB Grant Funding Cycle:

Mt. Iron City Council - \$250,000⁰⁰ = City Electrical
Distribution
System Upgrades.

Mt. Iron Economic Development Authority - \$250,000⁰⁰
= City Electrical
Distribution
System Upgrades.

Mt. Iron Electric Fund Contribution - \$200,000⁰⁰

Phase I Budget \$700,000⁰⁰

City Capital Outlay Money

Sidewalk crossing over CN rail track by Unity
and Mountain Iron Drive sidewalks.

Old Estimate = \$10,000⁰⁰

Drainage work throughout West Gate = \$50,000⁰⁰

Worst areas - Ditching and culverts.

Thank You —
Ed Roskoski


RANGE WOMEN'S ADVOCATES
Working To End Domestic Violence
Sponsor of the Range Intervention Project

Gary Skalko
Mayor of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

September 17th, 2012

Dear Mayor Skalko,

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month provides an excellent opportunity for Mountain Iron to demonstrate its support in ending domestic violence and to support the numerous victims who are among us. Moreover, it is a wonderful opportunity to educate the public on the seriousness of domestic violence and the prevalence of this epidemic in our lives. Domestic violence is a community issue, impacting not just the victim of abuse but also the family, friends, neighbors and community leaders that respond to help. The need for community support is greater than ever. As the need for services has increased during 2012, many funding sources are shrinking. As always, Range Women's Advocates provides support to women and men victims of domestic violence, support to children who live with domestic violence in their homes, and intervention services for men and women who use violence.

Your sponsorship and signing of an official proclamation to recognize October as Mountain Iron's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month would lend to an official recognition of the important work of educating the public on domestic violence, as well as emphasize your personal commitment to ending the crime. Range Women's Advocates provides free and confidential help to over a dozen cities on the Iron Range and we could not do it without the support and commitment from our local mayors, city councils, police departments, and citizens.

Range Women's Advocates holds an event every October to remember those who have lost their lives due to domestic violence and to thank our community members who respond to the need for help. We will be sending out invitations in the near future in hope that you will be able to attend.

If you or your staff has any questions concerning the request, the sample proclamation, or National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please call Emily at 218-749-5054. As always, we appreciate your support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and ending domestic violence. Thank you for your consideration of this special request.

Sincerely,



Pat Dunlavy
Range Women's Advocates
Executive Director
301 1st Street So. Ste. 100
Virginia, MN 55792
218-749-5054

City Of Mountain Iron
Proclamation to End Domestic Violence
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
October 2012

Whereas, 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime;

Whereas, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year;

Whereas, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leave a mark on family, friends, and the community at large;

Whereas, families are indispensable to a stable society, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation;

Whereas, domestic violence is widespread and is devastating to society as a whole, but particularly women and children;

Whereas, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference;

Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse;

Whereas, victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law;

Whereas, victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse;

Whereas, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem;

Whereas, the United States President and Congress as well as other federal agencies have expressed a commitment to eliminating domestic violence both nationally and internationally;

Whereas, our community has a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence and to address its brutal and destructive effects;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs and victims' service providers, I Mayor Gary Skalko of the City of Mountain Iron do hereby proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to work towards the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women, men and girls.

Mayor Gary Skalko
City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota

Craig J. Wainio

From: Peterson, Steve (IRR) [steve.peterson@state.mn.us]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 10:19 AM
To: Craig J. Wainio
Subject: FW: community center

From: Peterson, Steve (IRR)
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 10:15 AM
To: 'cityadmin@mtiron.com'
Subject: community center

Mountain Iron City Council

Mr. Wainio,

The Sportspace Bar is requesting permission to serve liquor at the Mt. Iron Community center on November 8th 2012.

This is an event honoring State Rep. Rukavina for his many years of service to our communities and will be attended by many folks from throughout the State and region.

As per usual, we do meet all the necessary requirements for serving liquor at your facility

This event will begin approx. 6:00 Pm until closing (food will also be provided)

Thank you

Steve Peterson

218-741-0461

218-290-7265 (cell)

MINUTES
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 a.m. with the following members present Judy Seurer, Accounting Technician; Michael Downs, Acting Director of Public Works, and Jill Clark, Municipal Services Secretary.

It was moved by Downs and supported by Seurer to recommend to the City Council to approve the MMUA safety management program for October 1, 2012-September 30, 2013. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.



Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

August 27, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Safety Management Participants
From: Mike Willetts, Director of Job Training and Safety
Subject: 2012-13 Safety Management Program Contract

It is time to renew your safety management program contract. There should be no change from the price notification letter sent out on July 25, 2012, unless we have discussed and agreed to specific changes. The contract amendments will cover October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, to coincide with MMUA's fiscal year.

Two copies of your contract amendment are enclosed. Please sign both contracts keeping one for your records and mailing the other to the address shown below. Please do not send payment at this time. You will be billed October 1. Mail your signed contract to:

Larry Pederson, Director of Finance
Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association
3025 Harbor Lane North, Suite 400
Plymouth, MN 55447-5142

If you have any concerns with the new contract, please contact me or Larry as follows:

Mike Willetts: phone 763-746-0705 or e-mail mwilletts@mmua.org
Larry Pederson: phone 763-746-0704 or e-mail lpederson@mmua.org

Thank you for being part of MMUA's safety management groups. With this program and your support we have proven that working together as a group we can develop a safety program that is affordable and at the same time works.

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association
AMENDMENT TO SERVICES AGREEMENT
Safety Management Program

Contract Date: August 27, 2012

Contract Number: 20-2013

The services agreement entered into between Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) and Mountain Iron Public Utilities (Mountain Iron), dated August 30, 2011, contract number 20-2012, is amended as follows:

PART II, Section 1.

1. DURATION: This Agreement shall remain in force from October 1, 2012 until September 30, 2013 (the "expiration date").

PART III, Section 1.

1. COMPENSATION: For the services covered by this Agreement, Mountain Iron shall pay MMUA an annual fee of nine thousand three hundred dollars and 00 cents (\$ 9,300.00) for the 2012-13 annual period. Such compensation shall be due and payable according to the selected payment terms below.


Payment terms for the fee agreed to above shall be based on one of the following options (select one):

- Annual Payment (\$ 9,300.00)
- Quarterly Payments (\$ 2,325.00 each)

For any term of less than twelve full calendar months, the fee shall be a portion of the annual fee, pro-rated based on the number of calendar months or partial calendar months in which the services were provided as a percentage of twelve (12).

The parties hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as modified.

Mountain Iron Public Utilities
By _____
Title _____
Date _____
Purchase Order # _____

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association
By 
Title Executive Director
Date August 27, 2012

COMMUNICATIONS

OCTOBER 1, 2012

1. Iron Range Youth in Action, a thank you for the City's contribution.
2. Minnesota Power, forwarding a "Notice of Proposed Transmission Line Project".



Christopher T. Ismil / Amy Pohia
Directors – Iron Range Youth In Action/PARTNERS
St. Louis County
Northland Office Center - 307 1st St. South, #105
Virginia, MN 55792
Phone (218) 749 – 7114
Email ismilc@stlouiscountymn.gov or
pohiaa@stlouiscountymn.gov

September 25, 2012

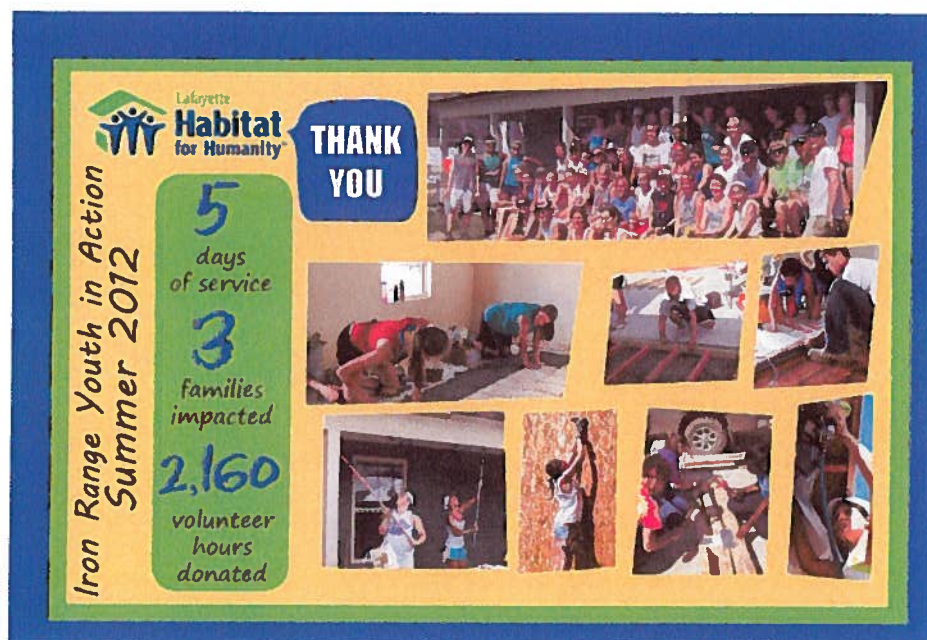
Good Morning,

On behalf of Iron Range Youth in Action, *thank you so much* for your recent donation in helping us continue to rebuild homes for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

41 Iron Range Youth in Action members, from ten Iron Range schools, and 11 chaperones traveled to Lafayette, Louisiana, the week of July 28 – August 4, 2012, to help in the re-building effort caused, in part, by the effects of Hurricane Katrina 7 years ago.

Our group split into three different teams and worked on three different homes, all in various stages of completion: House #1 – Tiled and grouted kitchen, living room, hallway, and 2 bathrooms, installed snap-together laminate flooring in 3 bedrooms, caulked, painted siding, primed and painted trim; House #2 – Finished sheeting roof and gable ends, installed interior walls and bracing, tyeked exterior, installed doors and windows, caulked, sided and trimmed home, painted siding, primed trim; House #3 – Started with a cement slab, erected walls, put up trusses, sheeted walls and roof. Our day started at 7:00 a.m. working until 4:00 p.m. with the heat index at 108 degrees every day. The Habitat staff took notes on how our group worked so well together. They were so impressed by our work and the amount we got accomplished. We put them weeks ahead of the completion dates on these homes. We also worked with owners of two of the homes.

Funding for this trip was raised through donations and many fundraising events held this past year in many communities across the Iron Range. They included Burger Bashes, Gulf Coast Raffle, the 7th Annual Quad-Cities Variety Show and Silent Auction, holiday gift wrapping at the Thunderbird Mall, cookie dough & pizza sales, Herberger's coupon book sales, business donations, etc.



This trip was a life-changing and moving experience for all involved. We were all touched by the spirit and generosity of the homeowners and Habitat staff, as well as others who blessed us for taking the time to come and help out our southern neighbors. So again, thank you for your support and commitment to the youth of North St. Louis County in making this trip possible. It is hard to put into words what was really accomplished. Teamwork – Compassion – Pride – Inspiration – instilling in our youth that they can really make a difference and hope they continue to do so throughout their lives.

If you have any questions regarding the trip or are interested in other IRYA projects, please contact me or visit our website at www.iryaa.org and click on photos, then Katrina Relief Trip 2012. Facebook- Habitat for Humanity Lafayette has hundreds of pictures of our group at work. Check it out! A public thank for your donation was included in the September-October issue of Gen-W on A10. Articles about the trip are also featured on A10 and A11.

Sincerely,

Chris Ismil, Director

Amy Pohia, Director

Thank you for your
very generous donation!
4 students from MIB
participated in the trip.

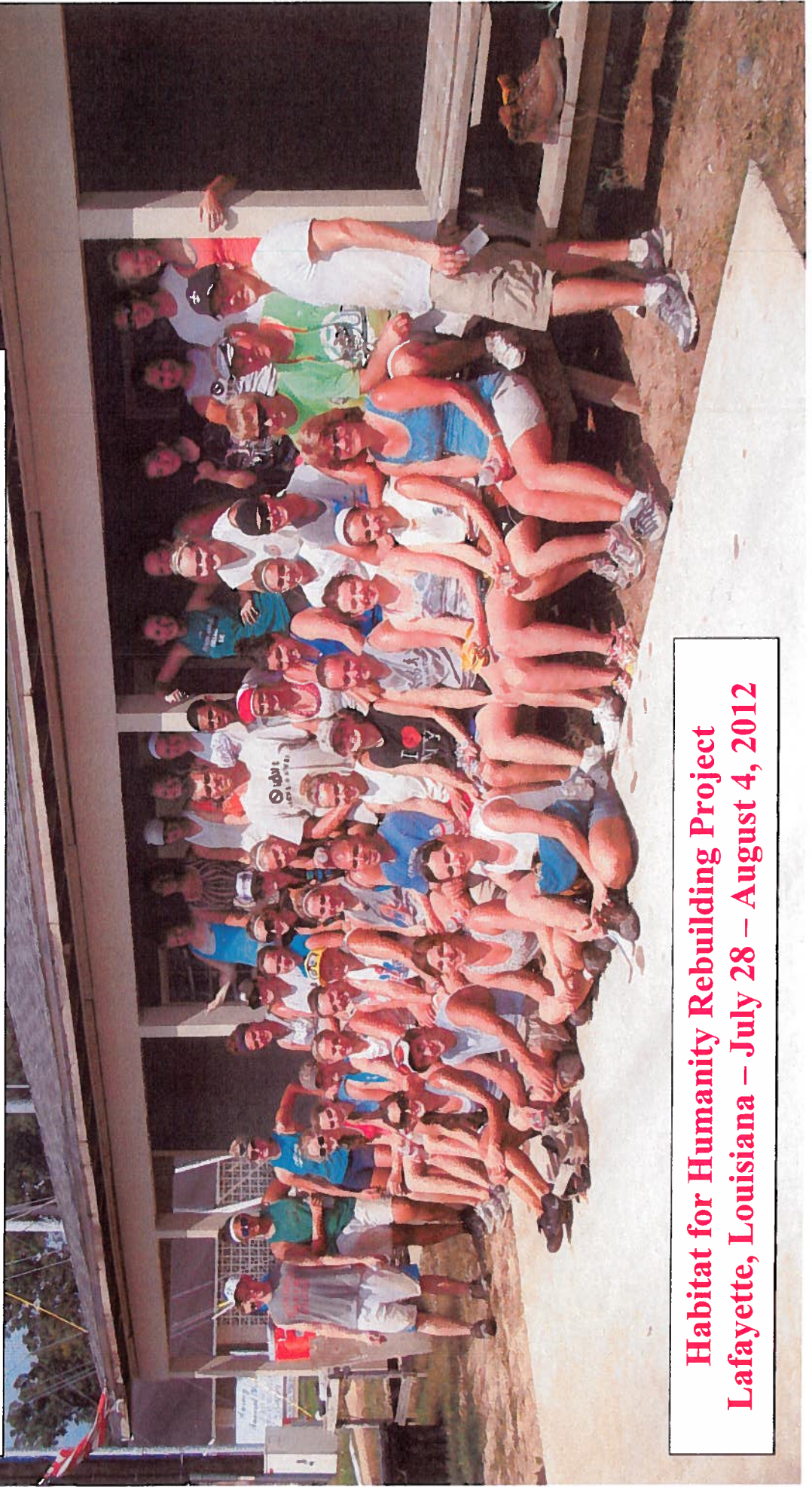
Front Row (l to r): Rachel Hammston-North Woods, Zach Yurczyk-Chaperone; Amy Pohia-IRYA Youth Coordinator; Lori Ismi-Chaperone

Second Row (sitting): McKenzie Maidu-Ely, McKenzie Hartman-Mattson-Ely, Clara DeRemece-Ely, Signe Scholl-Northeast Range, Nicole Jaeger-Northeast Range, Abby Lenich-Virginia, Katy Dewhurst-Virginia, Chris Ismi-IRYA Youth Coordinator, Kaitlyn Kinnunen-Eveleth, Claire Levar-Ely, Rachel Anderson-North Woods, Hannah Nelson-Ely, Sarah Stubbs-Virginia, Donna Leese-IRYA Support Staff

Third Row (standing): Colton Bina-Ely, Vicki Fosslard-Virginia, Shelby Ranger-Cherry, Lily Petersen-South Ridge, Marty Thome-Virginia, Cheyenne Pasch-Virginia, Alli Sella-Virginia, Kayla Roberts-Virginia, Rachel Fontela-Virginia, Sam Lee-Virginia (standing), Eli Little-Virginia (standing), Taylor Joyal-South Ridge, Janzen Westgard-South Ridge, Lexi Brascugli-Eveleth, Katlin Koskela-Eveleth (standing), Ben Monson-Virginia, Brady Stahl-Hibbing, Mark Leese-Chaperone, Troy Caddy-Chaperone.

Back Row: Charlesie Thompson-South Ridge, Kneake Warren-Mt. Iron/Buhl, Alexa Stalboerger-Chisholm, Brandi Erickson-Cherry, Lisetta Pruitt-Chisholm, Hailey Erebul-Mt. Iron/Buhl, Kirsten McConnell-Mt. Iron/Buhl, Taylor Littler-Northeast Range, Jenna Kingsley-Virginia, Bryan Hill-Chaperone, Bridget Parks-Mt. Iron/Buhl

Missing from photo: Paul Nurmi-Chaperone, Jan Ismi-Chaperone, Samantha Caddy-Chaperone, Dominique Leoni-Virginia



**Habitat for Humanity Rebuilding Project
Lafayette, Louisiana – July 28 – August 4, 2012**



Minnesota Power
30 West Superior Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

September 14, 2012

Craig Wainio
City Administrator
City of Mountain Iron
City Hall, 8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Lion, MN 55768

**Re: Notice of Proposed Transmission Line Project
Minnesota Power
39 Line Project – St. Louis County, Minnesota**

Dear Craig Wainio:

Minnesota Power proposes to construct an approximate 3-mile-long, 115 kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line in St. Louis County near the City of Eveleth, Minnesota. This project is referred to as the 39 Line Project (Project). The Project is needed to provide a new source of power to the surrounding area as a result of United Taconite's plans to expand its mining operation west of the City of Eveleth.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you notice of Minnesota Power's plan to obtain a Route Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for the proposed Project. Minnesota Power plans to submit a Route Permit Application (RPA) to the MPUC within the next few months. We request your questions or comments regarding the Project prior to filing the RPA with the MPUC.

Description of the Project

A Project map is attached for your reference (see **Figure 1**). The Project location is further described in the following table.

Township	Range	Sections	County
T58N	R17W	31	St. Louis
T57N	R17W	6	St. Louis
T58N	R18W	35, 36	St. Louis

The Project generally consists of constructing a new 115 kV transmission line from Minnesota Power's existing 39 Line along the western edge of the City of Eveleth, around United Taconite's existing north pit, west through the City of Leonidas, and connects with Minnesota Power's existing 37 Line as shown on **Figure 1**. The proposed 115 kV transmission line will extend approximately 3 miles.

Minnesota Power would also, at the request of United Taconite, remove its existing 39 Line that runs through United Taconite's north pit; also shown on **Figure 1**. Please note that Minnesota Power is in the process of evaluating routing information and collecting comments and input, and that the proposed route location shown on Figure 1 is preliminary and subject to change through this process.

The Project area is located in a primarily commercial/industrial use area, and is anticipated to be adjacent to existing road corridors for the majority of its length. Some residential development is also located within the Project area.

Depending upon the final selected route, the Project may cross over roads, small waterbodies, and wetlands. Much of the Project will be located on land owned by United Taconite who has assisted with the development of the preliminary route corridor. For new construction of the 39 Line, Minnesota Power plans to propose a 500-foot-wide route corridor with the MPUC. The proposed transmission line will occupy a 100-foot-wide right-of-way located within the 500-foot-wide route corridor.

Permitting Requirements

The proposed new 115 kV transmission line meets the definition of a High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) under Minn. Rules Chapter 7850.1000, subp. 9. Minnesota Power will apply for a Route Permit required for the Project which, qualifies for the Alternative Permitting Process under Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, subd. 2(3) and pursuant to Minn. Rules Chapter 7850.2800 to 7850.3900 (see Minn. Rules Chapter 7850.2800, subp. 1(C)), which Minnesota Power may elect to use.

The Route Permit proceedings will determine where the proposed facilities will be located. As part of the permitting process, the MPUC considers input from the applicant utility, interested stakeholders, local government units, state and federal agencies, and landowners who may be affected by the Project. Additional environmental review will occur during the routing process. The routing process will consider environmental, land use, and other potential routing impacts, and provide the opportunity for the public to comment.


An informational open house regarding this project is being held at the **Leonidas Community Center located at 201 1st Street, Eveleth, MN 55734 on Thursday, October 11, 2012 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM**. All members of the public are encouraged to attend. Please provide comments, questions, or concerns you may have regarding the proposed Project. I can be reached as follows:

Daniel McCourtney
Environmental Siting and Permitting
Allete/MN Power
30 West Superior St
Duluth, MN 55802
dmccourtney@allete.com
(218) 355-3515

I appreciate your assistance with this process. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the Project.

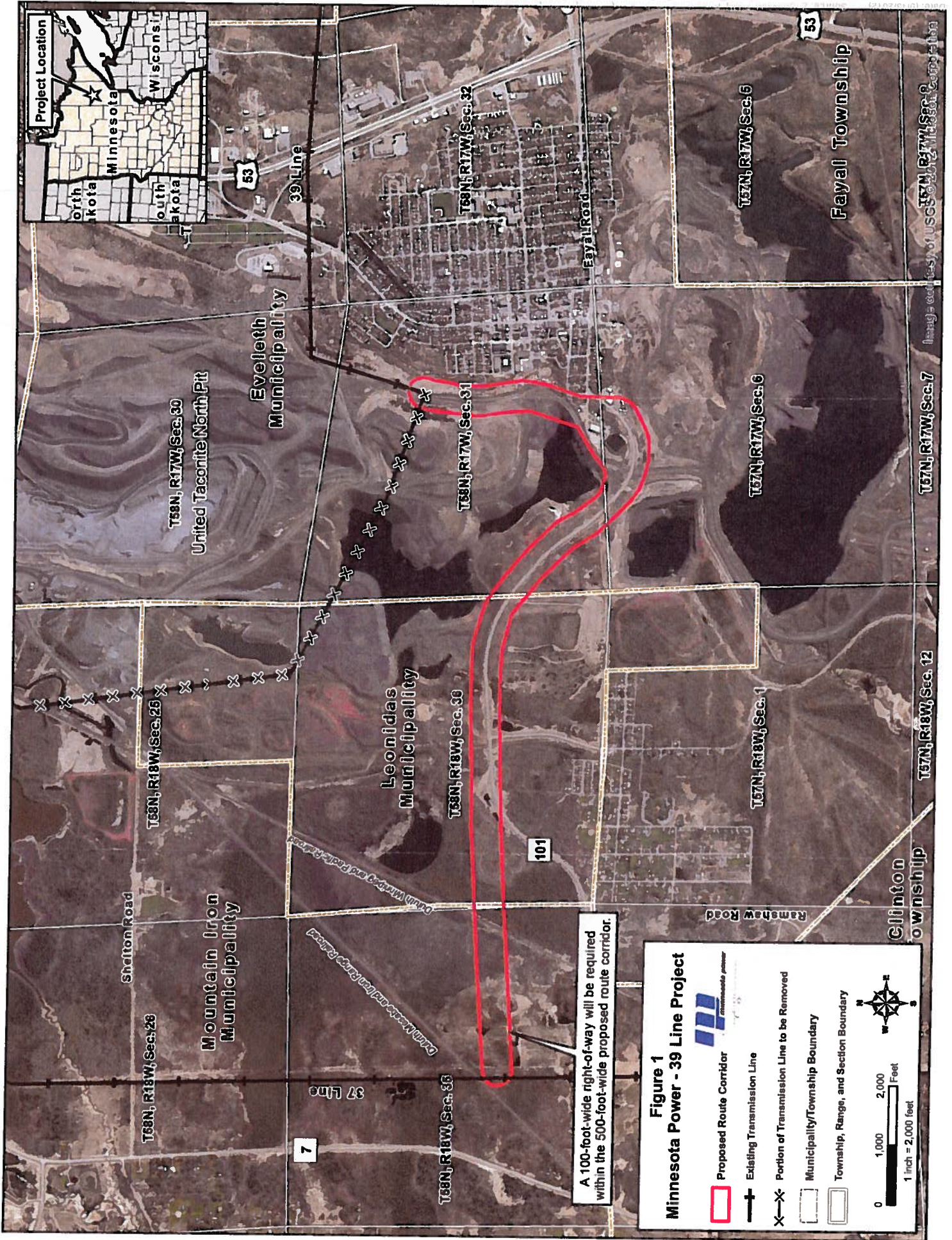
Sincerely,

Minnesota Power



Daniel McCartney
Environmental Siting and Permitting

Enclosures: Figure 1



A 100-foot-wide right-of-way will be required within the 500-foot-wide proposed route corridor.

Figure 1
Minnesota Power - 39 Line Project

- Proposed Route Corridor
- Existing Transmission Line
- Portion of Transmission Line to be Removed
- Municipality/Township Boundary
- Township, Range, and Section Boundary

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 1 inch = 2,000 feet



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NOTICE TO MOUNTAIN IRON VOTERS

Notice is hereby given that the following are the official polling places within the City of Mountain Iron for the General Election on November 6, 2012:

- PRECINCT 1: MOUNTAIN IRON COMMUNITY CENTER
IROQUOIS ROOM**
- PRECINCT 2: MOUNTAIN IRON COMMUNITY CENTER
WACOOTAH ROOM**

At which the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting for the following offices:

**Mayor
Two (2) City Councilors**

Absentee ballots are available at the City Hall now through November 5, 2012 for those voters unable to vote on Election Day. The City Hall will also be open for absentee voting from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, November 3rd and will remain open until 5 pm on Monday November 5th.

Also, you may pre-register for the General Election until October 16, 2012.

**Jill M. Clark
Deputy Registrar of Elections
City of Mountain Iron**

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