



# Arrowhead Region Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

February 14, 2018 @ 10:00 am  
Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board  
4261 US-53, Eveleth, MN 55734

## SUMMARY

*Meeting Attendees:* Bryan Anderson, Robert Anderson, Joel Astleford, Bill Bennett, Wayne Boucher, Ron Chicka, Robert Deschampe, Robert Ege, Jim Foldesi, Krysten Foster, Tom Gottfried, Karin Grandia, Duane Hill, Russell Habermann, Jason Hollinday, Andy Hubley, Gary Johnson, Dan Larson, Jack Larson, Mark LeBrun, Bob Manzoline, John McDonald, John Minor, JinYeene Neumann, Michelle Pierson, Gary Peterson, Bill Pratt, Maggie Rothstein, Jeff Rypka, Sue Siemers, Joe Sutherland, Cindy Voigt, Matt Wegwerth, and John Welle

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Bill Bennett, ARTAC Chair, welcomed members and guests in attendance and instructed all present to introduce themselves.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Summary

A motion to approve the meeting summary from the September 7, 2017, ARTAC meeting was made by Jim Foldesi/Jack Larson. Carries unanimously.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Karin Grandia/Krysten Foster. Carries unanimously.

### 4. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present

None put forward.

5. **RTAC Bylaws – Repeal + Replace with NEMNATP Operating Guidelines** (Attachment #1)

Chair Bennett invited Russell Habermann to summarize the recent process of formalizing operating guidelines for the Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (NEMNATP). Meeting participants were invited to consult their copy of the updated NEMNATP Operating Guidelines (Attachment #1). Russell Habermann guided participants through the document, noting three types of changes to the guidelines that were previously adopted at the November 15, 2017, meeting of the NEMNATP. After noting each change, Habermann asked if there were questions or comments. The changes requested include:

- a) Addressing consistency of lettering sub points under “Item IV: Organization.”
- b) Amending the first bullet under “Item IV: Organization, a. Board Members” to read:
  - i. Area governments (elected officials)
- c) Amending the correlating matrix under “Elected Officials: Notes” to read:

Includes the counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, and St. Louis; usually a county commissioner but can be a City or Township elected official.

- d) Amending “Item V. Meetings and Voting, b. Voting, No. 2” to read:

Transaction of any official business must be held at a noticed meeting where at least eight voting members are present.

A motion to repeal the Arrowhead Region Transportation Advisory Committee bylaws and replace these bylaws with the combined Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership Operating Guidelines was put forth by Bob Manzoline/Matt Wegworth. Carries unanimously. Habermann noted that as the RTAC was a subcommittee of the ARDC, approval of the updated operating guidelines would be sought by the ARDC Board of Directors, which will meet on February 15, 2018.

6. **Member Concerns**

Bob Manzoline noted that the ARTAC provided an opportunity for transportation stakeholders to engage in quality conversations, at times getting into finer detail, and he expressed his hope that this will continue in the new combined NEMNATP model.

7. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was put forth by Jim Foldesi/John McDonald at 10:25 am. Motion carries unanimously.