

AGENDA

MINING METHODS, ENVIRONMENT AND RECLAMATION SUBCOMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON MICHIGAN'S MINING FUTURE

Virtual Teams Meeting

November 6, 2020 – 10:00 am to Noon EST

Roll Call

Jim Kochevar
Hal Fitch
Evelyn Ravindran
Sharon Schafer or designee
Adam Wygant
Steve Kesler
Others attending

Hour 1:

Review Draft Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2020 Meeting

**Presentation from Minelands Partnership (formerly Laurentian Visioning Partnership):
Jim Plummer, Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (MN)**

**Committee discussion on presentation and applicability to our work
Committee discussion on (amended) "Subcommittee Topics" (located in Attachment to
Agenda)**

Hour 2:

Report Structure/Possible Assignments

**Topics
Concerns
Recommendations**

Future Meeting Dates and Topics

New Business

Future meeting dates

Public Comments

Adjournment

Attachment to Agenda

Duties of the Committee:

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Sec. 3. The committee shall do all of the following:

(a) Recommend actions to strengthen and develop a sustainable, more diversified mining and minerals industry in this state while protecting the environment and natural resources of this state.

(b) Evaluate government policies that affect the mining and minerals industry.

(c) Recommend public policy strategies to enhance the growth of the mining and minerals industry, especially for research and development in mining and mineral processing technology, including pellet production, for the next generation of mining.

(d) Advise on the development of partnerships between industries, institutions, environmental groups, funding groups, and state and federal resources and other entities.

History: 2019, Act 47, Eff. Oct. 6, 2019.

Amended (11-6-2020):

Mining Methods, Environment, and Reclamation Subcommittee Topics

1. Providing/designing for post-mining beneficial land use: start with the end in mind.
2. Reclamation – Strengthening requirements would help the industry.
 - Finding better ways to remediate legacy mining sites.
 - Brownfield developments: possible electrification and energy
 - Preserve for future mining
 - Recreational Use
 - Restore to natural
3. Backfilling: reducing waste through best management practices. Sustainable Mining Practices.
4. Deal with mining wastes by methods other than dumping them and bring together waste producers with waste users so that we can avoid producing pollution.
5. Cumulative impact (potentially define and refer to Regulatory Subcommittee)