



**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018, 4:30 PM
COUNTRY INN AND SUITES**

DRAFT AGENDA

- I. ROLL CALL – Don Britton, Chocolay Township; Nick Leach, Marquette; Glenn Johnson, Marquette Township; Al Reynolds, Negaunee Township; Jim Thomas, Negaunee; Dawn Hoffman, Tilden Township; Jim Brennan, Republic; Lauren Luce, Marquette County
Excused Absence: Larry Bussone, Ishpeming
Guests: Rob Katona, DNR, Kathy Peters, Alternate Marquette Township, Tom Sodergren, Tilden Township Citizen, TV10 Reporter, Mike Lempinen, Negaunee Township citizen, Jane Ryan, Chocolay Township citizen
- II. PUBLIC HEARING – 5 YEAR RECREATION PLAN – Chair Jim Thomas opened up the public hearing on the 5-year Recreation Plan. No public comment on public hearing; **Brennan motioned to close public hearing; Britton seconded the motion. Vote and motion carried.**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes)- No Public comment
- IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - **Britton motioned to approve consent agenda as presented in board packet, Hoffman seconded motion.** Consent agenda included December meeting minutes: December balance sheet showing total assets of \$553,329; total liabilities of \$334,685 and total equity of \$217,644; December profit loss showing total income of \$7931; total expenses of \$18,761 for net income of (\$10,830) YTD net income of 150,776; Q4 budget vs actual showing revenue at 98%; expenses at 94% and net income at 105%. December General ledger showing checks written 2022 through 2038; and January bills to be paid totaling \$21,960.85. **Vote and motion carries unanimously.**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - **Britton motioned to approve agenda as presented: Reynolds seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Grant Updates
 - a. Recreation Passport Trailhead Amenities Bid Options – Fulsher noted that we have the bike fixtations in plus one bench; UP Fabricating working on three benches and four bike racks. We still need to bid out the landscaping and installation and hope to do that by end of month.
 - b. Trust Fund TF-0157 Weather Shelters – Sanders & Czapski got the survey done before the snow fell and now we wait for the project agreement before doing any other work besides engineering.
 - c. Regional Prosperity 2017 – Project is ongoing and will commence once the ground is ready again.
 - C. Five Year Recreation Plan Resolution – Fulsher reviewed the highlights of the five-year recreation plan. **Chair Thomas asked for a roll call vote on approving the resolution**

to adopt the five-year recreation plan. Resolution passed by 8 to 0 vote with one absent.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board Members Reappointments – Four board members are up for appointments in 2018. Fulsher will send letters to municipalities asking to reappoint the four: they represent Republic Township, Marquette County, Marquette Township and Chocolay Township. All four interested in serving again.
- B. 2018 State of Michigan Grant opportunities – Fulsher noted that now that our Recreation Plan is adopted, we should consider applying for a Trust Fund grant in 2018. The easiest may be the parking and restroom facility at 492/35. IOHRA owns the property. Leach asked if we would want septic or pit and if possible at that location. Need to check FEMA maps. Negaunee Township contracts with North Country Disposal. Fulsher noted that if we do a restroom facility like Chocolay Lions Field, we would now be responsible for maintenance of it and supplies. Britton discussed possibility of moving the trail for more room. Discussed the possibility of lighting project between Ishpeming and Negaunee. Fulsher has done preliminary work. She will provide information on both projects at February meeting. We would probably need lease agreement with Negaunee and Ishpeming. Discussed possible funders, providers of electricity and timing options.
- C. 2017 Audit – **Johnson approved signing the engagement letter provided by Anderson, Tackman; Brennan seconded motion. Vote and motion carries.**

VII. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Fulsher noted some items: She was invited by CUPPAD to speak to a coalition in Delta County about Recreation Authority as they are working on a non motorized plan. She also spoke to Ishpeming Rock and Mineral club who would like to sponsor a mile marker and possibly an interpretive sign. She talked about lighting project in Ishpeming and a quote she received from a company in Michigan. She will forward project specifics to Board. Also talked about speaking to masons about the Carp River Kiln restoration project. Board members are invited to Marquette Historical Society's 100th birthday on Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 pm. She will email invite and ask for head count. Lastly, City of Ishpeming is hoping to get input on their recreation plan from members of the IOHRA. Fulsher will send out email on January 26 to ask for best times.

VII. BOARD COMMENT – No board comment.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – Sodergren asked for “No Parking signs” at Stoneville Road and Washington Street. Also noted that we should look into National School of Masonry on Beehive kiln project. Katona asked if we could talk to City of Negaunee about plowing the entire width of Michigan Street and instead only plow one lane. Ryan discussed talking to people at Rock River about their kilns.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – *Britton motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:15; Hoffman seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.*