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IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2017

- I. ROLL CALL - Don Britton, Chocolay; Glenn Johnson, Marquette Township; Al Reynolds, Negaunee Township; Jim Thomas, Negaunee; Dawn Hoffman, Tilden Township; Dean DuMoulin, Republic; Lauren Luce, Marquette County
Excused Absence: Nick Leach, Marquette; Larry Bussone, Ishpeming
Staff; Carol Fulsher
Guests: Bill Sanders, Dan Perkins, Ray Bush
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes) - No Public Comment.
- III. PUBLIC HEARING – Thomas opened public hearing at 4:35 pm concerning the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for three weather shelters. Fulsher provided a powerpoint on the projects showcasing the locations, the site drawings and details of costs. Sanders provided details on designs, materials. Perkins suggested he might donate metal roof should we need it. Fulsher noted the letters of support she has been receiving. No other comments and public hearing was closed at 4:50 pm.
- IV. PRESENTATION – Dan Perkins, Partridge Creek Farms Raised Beds Proposal – Perkins presented on PCF proposal to place raised beds of cherry tomatoes, carrots, berries along the Iron Ore Heritage Trail in Ishpeming. PCF will work with Negaunee Lions and Ishpeming Lions to get Lions grants. Asked for support and recommendations. **Britton motioned to send a letter of support to City of Ishpeming on the PCF raised bed project with stipulations: must be three feet off trail and maintained. Hoffman seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - **Hoffman motioned to approve consent agenda as presented; DuMoulin seconded.** Consent agenda included February board meeting minutes; February balance sheet of total assets at \$371,156; total liabilities of \$34,214 and total equity of \$336,912; February profit/loss showing net income of (\$11,561); budget v actual showing net income at 102% of budget and general ledger showing checks written from 1880 thru 1889; and March Bills to be Paid of \$10,069. **Vote and motion carried unanimously.**

- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - **Britton moved to approve agenda as presented; Johnson seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Grant Updates
 - a. Recreation Passport Trailhead Amenities – Fulsher noted that we will begin in earnest after April 1.
 - b. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Resolution – **Johnson motioned to approve and sign the resolution as presented with IOHRA committing \$70,200 (30%) of general fund monies; grant application for \$163,600 for total project of \$233,800. Reynolds seconded.** Discussion on types of fish, birds, etc at Carp River. **Roll call vote was taken and motion passed with 7 aye votes; 0 nay votes and 2 excused absences.**
 - B. Web Site reconstruction – Fulsher noted that she is meeting with Elegant Seagulls on Thursday to look at second draft. Should be wrapped by April meeting.
 - C. Trail Signage -

1. Interpretive Signage – Interpretive committee is beginning to meet again. Have eight panels to write this year.
 2. Road Crossing Signs – Working with U.P. Fabricating on getting these signs. Still need costs and timeline.
 3. Gateway/Business Signs – No updated on gateway/business signage.
- D. ORV Updates -
1. Gate Bids – **Britton motioned to accept low bid of JCS of \$6925 for two sets of ORV gates; Hoffman seconded motion.** Discussion on galvanized versus powder coated and wanted them galvanized. **Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
 2. Trailhead signage bids – Fulsher will work on getting bids for wooden sign boards prior to next meeting.
 3. ORV improvements 2017 – Britton discussed meeting with new Negaunee city manager and public works to look at ORV trail changes around Negaunee bluff.
- E. Father Marquette Park – Fulsher noted she had no updates.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A .City of Ishpeming/IOHRA Interlocal Agreement – **Johnson motioned to approve the interlocal agreement with City of Ishpeming to take care of all trailhead signage on Ishpeming trailhead site; DuMoulin seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**

B. Two year office space lease – Hoffman motioned to sign the two year office lease (May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2019) at \$260/month; Britton seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.

- VII. BOARD COMMENT – Fulsher noted that she forgot to add Executive Committee slate to agenda: She will follow up this month with officers.
Luce noted that County of Marquette also applied for MNRTF grant for Sugarloaf upgrades.
Britton noted that snowmobile trail north of U.S. 41 in Marquette Township in flux.

- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment

VI. ADJOURNMENT – **Britton motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:40 pm; Reynolds seconded. Vote and motion carried. Unanimously.**

NEXT MEETING DATE:/ANNUAL MEETING: April 26, 2017, 4:30 pm COUNTRY INN AND SUITES WITH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AT BUFFALO WILD WINGS IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS