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**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2013 4:30 PM
COUNTRY INN AND SUITES**

MINUTES

- I. WELCOME / ROLL CALL – Attendance: Don Britton, Chocolay; Jeremy Pickens, Marquette; Lyn Durant, Marquette Township; Al Reynolds, Negaunee Township; Jim Thomas, Negaunee; Larry Bussone, Ishpeming; Dawn Hoffman, Tilden Township
Excused Absence: Gary Johnson, Republic; Dotty Lewis, Marquette County
Guests: Kathy Peters, Marquette Township alternate, Jackie Koski; Joni Gleason, Eeva Miller, Joan Duncan
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes)
 - I. CONSENT AGENDA – **Durant motioned to approve consent agenda; ;Hoffman seconded. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
 - II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - **Reynolds to approve agenda as presented; Bussone seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Officer Elections – **Pickens motioned to approve slate as presented: Jim Thomas-Chair; Don Britton-Vice Chair/Secretary; Lyn Durant-Treasurer. Hoffman seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
 - B. 2013 Budget Revision – Fulsher noted that due to our trail expenses being delayed, our budget is skewed. Fulsher revised the budget to show trail expenses coming in later this summer. She also pushed back corporate donations income. Also noted that our loan payback starts in October, not in April. **Bussone motioned to accept revised budget as presented; Hoffman seconded motion. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
 - C. Bid Policy – Reviewed purchasing policy. Discussion on how it should be presented in newspaper--display ad in paper vs legal section. Durant will look into specific requirements of putting display ad in. Public bid opening in with display ad. Pickens noted that there is ambiguity in the language. Less ambiguity means less disgruntled bidders. Add services into language. There are also formatting issues. The administrator is authorized to spend up to \$2500 on goods “and services”. **Durant motioned to ask Pickens to draft changes to purchasing policy; Hoffman seconded. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
 - D. Ely Township Millage Request - Thomas noted that we met with some Ely Township residents who are interested in helping with the millage election. Discussed that flyers were sent to registered home owners; others are considering writing letter to editor and putting up yard signs. The O'Briens were in attendance and said that their nightmares have not come to fruition and they've become supportive.
 - E. Director's Orders Update Eagle Mills Grade and Greenwood Grade – Yesney noted that due to the trail being on State owned land, “Eagle Mills” grade (Holiday Inn to 492) and Winthrop Junction to Republic, we need to ask for Director's Orders to limit usage on the grade. They are considered forest roads right now and forest roads open to full size vehicles. Chocolay Township is a State owned rail trail that is not open to vehicles and that is through Director's order. The only way to restrict State land is through a Director's order. There has been more apprehension of director's orders. Ron talked to supervisor and Jason Fleming. We need to provide good arguments for why we are asking for restricted use. Discussion on full size

vehicles on a portion of the grade by Lake Lorry. Camps/cottages need access. Commercial use on just the portion and use a gate with key. Need letters from various interests on why there should be restrictions, such as snowmobile Clubs including Moose Country, IOHRA, equestrians. Along the quarry, we have special delicate work including L-shaped forms that would support a groomer but not designed for full size vehicle. Could crack cement. Committee to work with Ron to brainstorm letters/ideas. Decided to hold a work session on Monday, April 29 at 2pm at Iron Ore Heritage offices. Fulsher to post on web site and on door of offices.

F. ATV Route Updates – Thomas noted that on May 8, the Ishpeming City Council meets on trail through Ishpeming. Thomas and Ray Roberts will attend.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tilden Township Engineering Bid RFP – Fulsher working on getting RFP done. She will follow up with several local municipalities to review what needs to be in the RFP. It is our first proposal for engineering services and need to be exact in what our needs are.

B. Municipal Report – Q1 report was in packet. Will go to municipal members tomorrow.

C. New Notice Requirement Added to Open Meetings Act – Durant noted a new notice requirement for open meetings act. Need to post 18 hours prior to any special meeting on our web site and at our office.

V. REPORTS (Meetings/Seminars attended)/CORRESPONDENCE – Roger Storm contacted Thomas on Winthrop Junction paperwork and agreement with Joe Pepin.

VI. BOARD COMMENT – Hoffman – May 15 at Aspen Ridge School.

Thomas – need to put cement blocks back up on 480.

Smith Paving plowing trail from his property to scales to start on the I shaped retaining walls first week in May.

Canadian National – crossing of railroad include ORV's . Haven't heard back and asking for another letter.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – Ms. Koski requested what we would be asking for in letters for Director's orders.. She will wait until we meet on Monday for direction.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – **Bussone motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:50. Hoffman seconded motion. Vote and motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 4:30 PM, COUNTRY INN AND SUITES