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**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
JULY 31, 2013 4:30 PM
COUNTRY INN AND SUITES**

MINUTES

- I. WELCOME / ROLL CALL – Don Britton, Chocolay; Jeremy Pickens, Marquette; Lyn Durant, Marquette Township; Al Reynolds, Negaunee Township; Jim Thomas, Negaunee; Larry Bussone, Ishpeming; Dawn Hoffman, Tilden Township; Gary Johnson, Republic Township; Dotty Lajoie, Marquette County, Kathy Peters, Marquette Township alternate
Absent: Jeremy Pickens
Guests: Ron Yesney DNR; Jackie Koski, Humboldt Township; Bill Marklein, UPEA
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes) -
- III. CONSENT AGENDA – **Durant motioned to approve consent agenda; Dawn Hoffman seconded motion. Vote and motion carried.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – **Bussone motioned to approve agenda as presented; Britton seconded motion. Vote and motion carried.**
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Director's Orders Greenwood Grade – Reworked the Resolution for the Director's order on Greenwood Grade. Change language to incorporate 2d 1) and 2). Owners of full-size vehicles with written authorization from the DNR to operate in Section 8. Does not include December 1 to March 31. Signage to notify other recreational users that they may encounter full size vehicles on this section. Discussion on various owners in the area and possibility of other access.
 - i. Resolution – **Britton motioned to adopt the resolution as presented; Bussone seconded motion. Vote was 9 yeases; 0 nos.**
 - B. Negaunee to Marquette Construction Updates – Bill Marklein, UPEA updated board on construction. Arrow doing truncated domes. Stop signs from JCS stop signs on order and may be a week for railroad crossing. Tagger got some of our signs. 10 damaged. Barrier rail to be done on last section today. All posts in today and by Friday all wooden timbers should be up. All aggregate done, shoulders done, seed and restoration done, rip rap done. Thomas questioned about soil erosions in some areas. Bill looked at and didn't think there would be issue at flat land. Railroad crossing will have culvert. There is one stocked culvert which will be at Smith Paving. Discussed area north and east of railroad crossing. Idea was to put erosion mat in there. Questioned about wetland area being 14'. Marklein will go back and measure. Discussed signage and Marklein suggested custom made "multi-use" sign in that area and then submit through DNR grant. Marklein figured Friday would be final date for all items to be done and punch list issues done. Board discussed taking a ride through. Durant, Peters, Hoffman, and Reynolds were interested and will schedule a time.
 - C. Map Update – Fulsher noted that 5000 maps are in and are being distributed. Final total cost was \$4200. We will invoice our advertisers \$3200.
 - D. State Lease on Greenwood Grade and LS&I Grade – Fulsher updated that we are working with Roger Storm and Annamarie Bauer in Lansing to get lease. The hold up is the Humboldt Township trail that is being re-routed. Storm wants to wait until we have final property description. We have notified Trust Fund that we are working toward the lease to get land control.

- E. Trust Fund 12-049 Agreement Resolution – We will sign the agreement/resolution once land control has been established. Trust Fund grant administrator has been notified of our intentions.
- F. Trail Opening Ribbon Cutting/Party –The trail opening dedication and ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 13, 2:15 – 2:55 at Old Towne Park in Negaunee. Fulsher provided list of invitees and notified group that the Governor will be in attendance. Others have asked to be invited. **Britton motioned to only invite those who have help us on this particular section of trail. Lajoie seconded motion. Vote and motion carried.** Fulsher reviewed day's events: speakers, Audio/visual elements, golf cart/jeep rides for those who want to review trail. Need to get transportation back to cars in Negaunee.
- G. Grant Work Session –Fulsher moved session to August 20, MCCVB office at 2pm.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Cliffs Shaft Trailhead/Rio Tinto/Cliffs Community Fund – There is a charette scheduled at 6 pm Thursday, August 1. Lajoie will be leading the charette to find what the community wants to do with this area. We should write down five things that they would like to see happen with the trailhead facility at Cliffs Shaft
- B. Chocolay Trail Beach Grass Planting – Fulsher noted that we asked Lake Superior Watershed Partnership to put beach sand behind Welcome Center in Harvey. Area is getting very sandy with beach sand blowing up onto trail. Watershed Partnership thought they could do with some grant funds they have, but may not have enough for all labor. **Britton motioned to pay for beach grass planting; Hoffman seconded motion. Vote and motion carried.** Britton notified group that bike path on the north side of US41 is still scheduled for new paving in late August and early September.
- C. Chocolay Bridges – Two bridges in Chocolay need new decking. Not sufficient for summertime use. Smith Paving is the snowmobile groomer in that section through U.P. Central. They have been asked to submit a proposal to get special snowmobile maintenance dollars to fix the bridges. We've asked him to apply and said we'd give up to 20% to move it up the list. We don't know that he has done it. Discussion on bridge repair estimates. Thomas got quote of \$18,000 from Cattron's. Yesney thought it would be less than that because of standards. Does not have to be MDOT standards. Yesney will ask UP Central to put in for \$14,500 in snowmobile maintenance funds.

VII. REPORTS (Meetings/Seminars attended)/CORRESPONDENCE - No reports

VIII. BOARD COMMENT – No comments

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT – **Britton motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:45 pm, Hoffman seconded motion. Vote and motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 4:30 PM, COUNTRY INN AND SUITES