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**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015 4:30 PM**

APPROVED MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Don Britton, Chocolay: Glenn Johnson, Marquette Township; Al Reynolds, Negaunee Township; Jim Thomas, Negaunee; Dawn Hoffman, Tilden Township; Gary Johnson, Republic Township, Dotty Lajoye, Marquette County

Guests: Jackie Koski, Kim Wing

Absent: Larry Bussone, Ishpeming; Jeremy Pickens, Marquette

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ( Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes)

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - **Gary Johnson motioned to approve consent agenda; Don Britton seconded the motion. Items included January 28 board meeting minutes; January financials including balance sheet, profit and loss and budget versus actual and February bills to be paid totaling \$11,356. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Phase IV – Tilden/Republic

1. Director's Order – The D.O. for the Greenwood Grade from Ishpeming to Humboldt is on the March 19 Natural Resource Commission agenda.

2. Republic Plans and Bid – No updates on construction plans yet.

B. Events –

906 Fat Tire Bike Event – Britton was lead out for this event and it went well. 87 riders from Ishpeming to Marquette. The shorter race changed its course and did not use Iron Ore Heritage Trail. Fulsher did notify that she tried to contact CN and did not get response from them.

Iron Range Roll- Will be held the first Saturday of June.

Flag Day Run – Annie Trudell organizing a “Run for the Flag” race on Ishpeming to Negaunee section of trail on second Saturday of June

Red Earth Classic – Mountain bike race uses a small portion of Ishpeming/Negaunee section and is scheduled for July 18

Marquette Marathon – Scheduled for first Saturday of September during Labor Day Weekend.

C. Grant Updates

MCACA – Pellet Pavilion RFP is out and due on March 20. Is on our web site. Was sent out through Lake Superior Art Association and Marquette Arts and Culture Center. A subcommittee will score proposals and award.

ArtPlace America – Grant reviewers were in town. Fulsher thanked everyone for showing up and taking part. After the reviewers provided feedback on grant, Fulsher is tweaking the grant application to provide placemaking gateways at the three urban sites: Cliffs Shaft, Jackson Mine Park and Commons. The reviewers stressed the “placemaking” portion of the grant application. Fulsher approached Bill Sanders and Mike Lempinen to help with charettes for community engagement and input into what an urban “gateway” looks like and could provide visuals back to community. Deadline for grant is March 16. We will hear in June if successful and grant runs from August 2015 and needs to be completed in 18 months.

D. Office Space – Fulsher reviewed her meeting with Noquemanon Trail Network about sharing office space at Lakeview Arena. It would be in offices now occupied by Community Foundation and United Way. Opportunity for NTN, IOHRA, and City of Marquette Parks and Recreation who operates Marquette bike path to be under one roof. Price is \$385/month which is slightly over our \$300/month budget. Also would need to pay for internet. Board instructed Fulsher to

talk to Christine about staying within building she's in and seeing if a better space could be provided. Fulsher will follow up.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board Members – Four members to be reappointed to board prior to April annual meeting: Don Britton from Chocolay; Glenn Johnson from Marquette Township; Gary Johnson from Republic Township; and Dotty Lajoie from County of Marquette. All four interested in continuing to serve. Fulsher will write letters to municipalities to reappoint these members.
- B. Recreation Passport – Fulsher stated she would like to apply for a Michigan Recreation Passport grant to place bike racks and benches at all the trail heads. This grant is due on April 1 so we'll need to hold a public meeting at next month's meeting.
- C. Millage Renewal 2016 – Discussion continued on plans for millage renewal. Board inquired if we could place on ballot this year. Decided to begin process with municipalities; however, we need to get some projects done in Republic and Tilden before asking their boards to put on ballot. Discussion is to place on August 2016 ballot with November 2016 as back up.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – Kim Wing from Ely will be going forward with application to Cliffs/Eagle Mine Community Foundation to provide funds to upgrade the portion of the trail that goes through their boundaries.

Thomas – Board Chair Thomas noted that we are going to meet with land manager from Cleveland Cliffs next week on ORV trail through Ishpeming.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – **Hoffman motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:20 pm. Britton seconded motion and it passed unanimously.**

*NEXT MEETING DATE: MARCH 25, 2015, COUNTRY INN AND SUITES*