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## IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24

- I. ROLL CALL – Glenn Johnson, Marquette Township; Al Reynolds, Negaunee township; Jim Thomas, Negaunee; Larry Bussone, Ishpeming; Dawn Hoffman, Tilden township; Dotty LaJoye, Marquette County  
Excused Absence: Don Britton, Chocolay; Jeremy Pickens, Marquette; Gary Johnson, Republic  
Guests: Jackie Koski  
Staff: Carol Fulsher
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT ( Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes)  
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- III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - Hoffman, Reynolds, Vote and motion carried unanimously.
  - A. Minutes of May 27 board meeting
  - B. May Financials
  - C. June Bills to Be Paid
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Bussone, Johnson. Vote and motion carries unanimously.
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Phase IV – Tilden/Republic
    - 1.. ORV Signing, Grading – ORV Signing is done with many volunteers over several days. Grading has been awarded.
    - 2.. Republic Construction – Approx. 75% is done. There was a problem near the School Lake with the trail being only 10 feet when it needed to be 14' for snowmobile.
    3. Tilden Construction Plan
    4. LS&I grade washout – Humboldt – Extensive washouts on the LS&I grade in Humboldt Township. Ron Yesney working with DEQ to see what they want to have done out there. Right now, there is a detour, Beaver damn broke and then a series of damns broke after it near Tower Lake.
  - B. Greenwood Grade, DNR PERMIT language – Add the year into the language. Rogers was okay with permitting access through his land. Bussone working on it but needs Gabe Johnson, his boss, to catch up with it. Working with Darryl and Roger Storm from Real Estate Division. Not clear of ownership on the railroad grade off of US 41. Question on propane deliveries using other road, but a hill on that road. Change “should” to “shall” and should add 2015 after Nov 30. . Bussone approved with two changes and Picken’s review. LaJOye seconded. Vote and motion carried.
  - C. ORV Route through Ishpeming – A site tour on Cliffs Property by Cedar Lake, Lake Angeline. Pretty hilly, rocky, wet areas. Need Katona to give us some ideas on costs of making that area more palatable. Plus Cliffs needs to give blessing. Ishpeming roads are open to ORV traffic so we could divert those who do not want such a tough trail to go through Ishpeming. The City Manager of Ishpeming did come with us.
  - D. Grant Updates
    1. ArtPlace America – Still waiting
    2. 2015 Recreation Passport - In review; Grant reviewer will be coming this summer
    3. MCACA Pellet Pavilion Proposal Awarded – Mike Lempinen came in with his hand drawings. He now needs to color and replicate. Rick Kauppila doing the steel cut outs.
    4. 2014 MI Natural Resource Trust Fund – 10-12 more signs between Negaunee and Marquette
  - F. Maintenance Schedule
    1. Gates Installed and Painted – Gates are up and painted twice. No other concerns have been relayed to office. There was a problem with ORV in Negaunee near the big hill so we put pipes back in at that area. Tape on gates too but not sticking. Safety store will be getting

replacement tape for us.

2. Panel Installation – Four panels installed: two in Mqt Twp, one at Welcome Center and replacement of Mather sign at Cliffs Shaft.

3. Ishpeming High School clean up - Reynolds thought we should get a “adopt a trail” sign for them. Bussone maybe have perennials planted or rocks at each mile marker.

4. Mowing Bid - \$750 for 7.5 miles which is 15 miles both side of trail. Will also add Negaunee (.8 miles) to it so it can be done before July 4. Reynolds approve contract for Peterson. Hoffman seconded. Vote and motion carried una

5. Other needs – Cliffs stone marker.

G. Interpretive Signage – Lots of interpretive signs needed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Biannual Municipal Report – Will be sending to municipals. Five year snapshot in newsletter format at different areas. Senior centers, inside trailheads, city/township halls.

VII. BOARD COMMENT – Dark Stores repayments. Best Buy may be coming back.

Thomas – ORV tearing the aggregate apart on those hills in Negaunee. Put the gates back in.

Twelve new signs going up with D.O. Larger signs this time. After signage put up, Thomas will go to Police to ask for help. Someone purposely damaging the trail. Camera may have to be put up or at least a sign saying camera.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – Koski Two full pages on Michigamme. Maybe MJ will do that for us. Asked if we have looked into process for renewal. WE could ask jail to provide some workers. Art Loren is program director.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Bussone 5:30; Hoffman seconded. Vote and motion carried unanimously.

*NEXT MEETING DATE: JULY 22, 2015, COUNTRY INN AND SUITES*