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**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, 4:30pm
Ishpeming Multi-purpose Senior Center, Ishpeming**

- I. CALL to ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes):
- V. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. August Minutes
 - B. Bills to be Paid
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS:
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Updates:
 - 1. Articles of Incorporation for IOHRA, amended draft attached
 - 2. Lakenenland Extension: update
 - 3. 2025 Summer Maintenance: update
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. eBike & electric-assist devices use on the IOHT discussion, present to City of MQT task force, Oct. 2
 - B. IOHRA Vision & Goals Session:
- IX. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:
 - MiDNR Trails Fall Summit, Oct 28-29
- X. BOARD COMMENT:
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- XII. ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 4:30 pm Ishpeming Senior Center



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025, 4:30pm
Ishpeming Multi-purpose Senior Center, Ishpeming**

- I. CALL to ORDER: 4:32pm
- II. ROLL CALL: Larry Bussone, Micheal Anderson, Jim Kippola, Jon Becker, Laura MacDonald, Dawn Hoffman; Joe Neumann; excused absent: Lauren Luce, Glenn Johnson; absent John Duleck; guests: Sven Gonstead via Zoom, Gary Vidlund, Carrie & Mark Hutchinson
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Bussone motioned to approve agenda, Hoffman seconded, ayes-all
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes): Gary Vidlund presented planning for the Barnes-Hecker Mine Disaster 100th Anniversary Memorial next year, 2026; he proposed to the IOHRA developing a bicycle tour to the Mine Memorial located on Co Rd CI; also suggested a historical interpretive sign along the trail in Ely Township.
- V. CONSENT AGENDA: Bussone motioned to approve; MacDonald supported, ayes- all
 - A. July Minutes
 - B. Bills to be Paid
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS: Hoffman motioned to accept, Anderson seconded; ayes- all
- VII. EVENT APPROVAL: Halloween/All Saints Day Hustle 5K, hosted by Banned Camp UP; Carrie Hutchinson presented the event to be hosted by Banned Camp UP on November 1, 2025. Bussone motioned to approve event; MacDonald seconded; ayes- all
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Updates:
 1. Articles of Incorporation for IOHRA: Article VI, Section 3 needs to be amended in order for out of municipality representatives to be appointed. The amended Articles of Incorporation would then need to be published in the newspaper for public notice and then voted on the IOHRA board to become ratified.
 2. Lakenenland Extension: Discussion (motion to request extensions on Trust Fund & MTF Grants): discussion involved postponing the project until 2026: motion to request the Michigan Trust Fund for \$300,000 be extended was made by Hoffman, seconded by Neumann, ayes- all; motion to request the Michigan Trails Fund for \$100,000 be extended was made by Neumann, seconded by Hoffman, ayes- all
 3. 2025 Summer Maintenance Update: late summer ORC C Route gravel & grading will take place in September, 1.3 miles of gravel to be added east of Wawonowin Rd, 360 yard of gravel east of Wolf Lake Rd, culvert repair near Clarksburg and grading from Tilden/Ely Twp line to Republic/Humboldt Twp line; bench repair will be made at least 2 benches need two seat board, other benches will be evaluated for repair; IOHT will be swept from Ishpeming to Marquette in preparation for the Marquette Marathon to be held August 30; DR Mower purchased and will be used this fall to cut back brush alongside trail where needed; historical & wayfinding signage still a work in progress, with the goal to get serveal signs in place by the end of October.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2025 Budget Amendment: **2025 budget amendment was presented to IOHRA board; adjustments included adjusting expenditures and income for the Lakenenland Extension which has been postponed until 2026, other minor budget adjustments were made based income & expenditure changes; motion was made by Anderson to accept the budget amendment, seconded by Neumann, ayes- all**
Discussion also included having the administrator invest in a 6-month CD not to exceed \$400,000 at the best rate available before interest rates drop in September, motion made by Hoffman to invest, seconded by Kippola, ayes- all
- B. IOHRA Vision & Goals Session: **Subjects- Expansion, Maintenance, Amenities, Operations broken into timelines of 6-months, 1-year, 3-year & 5-year. Roundtable followed:**
- **Bussone:** more pavement and maintenance
 - **Anderson:** improved trail access with parking lots/trailheads, concerns about Wawonowin Road crossing line of site; Barnes-Hecker Mine Disaster historical interpretive marker
 - **Kippola:** community connectivity (esp to Koski Corner), historical interpretive markers (Edison magnetic ore separator), tie into Humboldt Twp Master Trail Plan, community discussion, include non-motorized in the West End plan
 - **MacDonald:** lack of highway crossing in Negaunee Township, trail connectivity to Negaunee Township Hall/Community Center
 - **Hoffman:** better wayfinding especially next to the Ishpeming Senior Center and Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum, expand parking opportunities
 - **Neumann:** Lakenenland Extension a top priority, erosion maintenance along the elevated grade on the side slopes, atv/orv issues on the non-motorized section in Chocolay, use social media as a information tool-more presence
 - **Becker:** administrative clean-up with municipal leases & easements, better wayfinding from Healy Street to Jackson Mine Park, ebike use and electrification of devices used on the trail-should focus more on etiquette education and not penalty enforcement, dual trail uses by creating aligning singletrack alongside primary corridor for, priorities Koski Woods project with NTN
 - **Other items** that came out of the discussion: highway crossing issues in Ely & Humboldt Twps, better mapping that can be used for navigation by trail users, stay consistent with current recreation plan and perhaps amend plan if needed-preparing for 2028; engage adopt-a-mile groups better-create a management plan for volunteers; additional amenities such as interpretation or engagement features (such as the Story Book Trail)
- X. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: **data set provided by Travel Marquette geofencing indicates that usership of the trail in certain sections is down from previous year, encouraging the need for a trail counter system that can be more dependable; also, would be good to set-up in-person trail observations**
- XI. BOARD COMMENT: **Neumann-** ebike police patrols are active and out on the trail in Chocolay, providing education and discouraging improper use; **Hoffman:** wayfinding is a top concern; **MacDonald:** starting to settle in as part of the board; **Anderson:** indicated he will not be able to attend the next two meetings due to work schedule conflicts; **Bussone:** checked the property line where the storage container sits on the west side of Co Rd 492 which appears that it's about 6' over the property line, need to check on that with owner
- XII. PUBLIC COMMENT: none
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT: **Bussone motioned to adjourn, Hoffman seconded, ayes- all adjourned at 6:12pm**
- NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 4:30 pm Ishpeming Senior Center*

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2025

	Aug 31, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
003-006 · U.P. State Bank Savings	320,705.93
001-006 · Embers Savings	13.31
001-005 · nicolet promontory acct	770,974.73
001-004 · nicolet bank checking acco...	47,310.23
Total Checking/Savings	1,139,004.20
Accounts Receivable	
018-000 · Taxes Receivable	
018-006 · Taxes Receivable - Marqu...	121,577.98
Total 018-000 · Taxes Receivable	121,577.98
018-009 · Grants Receivable	218,927.00
Total Accounts Receivable	340,504.98
Other Current Assets	
018-013 · Taxes Receivable - unassig...	54,294.62
Total Other Current Assets	54,294.62
Total Current Assets	1,533,803.80
TOTAL ASSETS	1,533,803.80
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
204-000 · Accrued Wages	5,722.06
203-000 · Unearned revenue	310,580.56
200-258 · Federal Taxes	1,030.92
200-259 · State Taxes	518.22
Total Other Current Liabilities	317,851.76
Total Current Liabilities	317,851.76
Total Liabilities	317,851.76
Equity	
395-000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	698,912.30
Net Income	517,039.74
Total Equity	1,215,952.04
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,533,803.80

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through August 2025

	<u>Jan - Aug ...</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Bud...</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
General Revenue			
674-002 · Individual Contributions	165.00	150.00	110.0%
401-000 · Taxes	316,323.27	319,800.00	98.9%
664-000 · Interest	18,179.59	15,600.00	116.5%
Total General Revenue	334,667.86	335,550.00	99.7%
Program Revenue			
Restricted			
538-000 · ORV State Grant	105,654.06	56,000.00	188.7%
539-000 · State Grants	218,200.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Restricted	323,854.06	56,000.00	578.3%
Total Program Revenue	323,854.06	56,000.00	578.3%
Total Income	658,521.92	391,550.00	168.2%
Gross Profit	658,521.92	391,550.00	168.2%
Expense			
840-000 · IOHT Maintenance Truck	798.38	1,050.00	76.0%
62800 · Facilities and Equipment			
62840 · Equip Rental and Maintenance	46.81	300.00	15.6%
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	3,339.01	3,400.00	98.2%
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	3,385.82	3,700.00	91.5%
701-000 · Payroll			
701-003 · Direct Deposit Fee	0.00	80.00	0.0%
701-001 · Salaries and Wages	43,153.56	43,700.00	98.7%
701-002 · Payroll taxes	3,485.55	4,420.00	78.9%
Total 701-000 · Payroll	46,639.11	48,200.00	96.8%
727-000 · Office Supplies	403.28	400.00	100.8%
729-000 · Equipment	3,881.49	4,000.00	97.0%
730-000 · Office Equipment	37.96	758.83	5.0%
754-000 · Grant expense	0.00	500.00	0.0%
800-000 · Operations			
800-001 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	2,423.76	2,475.00	97.9%
800-002 · Postage, Mailing Service	193.00	200.00	96.5%
800-004 · Volunteer Recognition	0.00	400.00	0.0%
800-000 · Operations - Other	38.45	0.00	100.0%
Total 800-000 · Operations	2,655.21	3,075.00	86.3%
800-955 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,151.00	2,151.00	100.0%
800-956 · Insurance - Workers' Comp	92.00	92.00	100.0%
802-000 · Accounting Contract Services	6,885.95	6,960.00	98.9%
803-000 · Professional Services Fees	1,970.00	2,850.00	69.1%
850-000 · Telephone, Telecommunications	856.31	880.00	97.3%
860-000 · Travel and Meetings	-11.37	1,100.00	-1.0%
870-000 · Board Meeting Expenses	217.23	240.00	90.5%

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through August 2025

	<u>Jan - Aug ...</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Bud...</u>
880-000 · Marketing			
880-005 · Print advertising	2,350.00	2,450.00	95.9%
881-000 · Public Relations	456.00	500.00	91.2%
884-000 · Website	150.00	165.00	90.9%
Total 880-000 · Marketing	2,956.00	3,115.00	94.9%
900-000 · Printing and Publishing	0.00	50.00	0.0%
956-000 · Property tax	21.55	21.55	100.0%
970-000 · Capital Outlay			
970-100 · Signage			
970-105 · trail safety signage	274.50	250.00	109.8%
970-102 · Acknowledgement signs	151.73	200.00	75.9%
970-103 · Interpretive signs	998.00	0.00	100.0%
970-100 · Signage - Other	1.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 970-100 · Signage	1,425.23	450.00	316.7%
970-200 · Trail Expense			
970-215 · Acquisition	1,260.77	0.00	100.0%
970-211 · Negaunee Township Trailhead	13.25		
970-204 · ORV Trail Work	35,340.00	58,675.00	60.2%
970-202 · Trail Supplies	284.43	301.00	94.5%
970-203 · Trail Maintenance	8,178.99	8,500.00	96.2%
970-206 · Grooming Expenses	550.00	750.00	73.3%
Total 970-200 · Trail Expense	45,627.44	68,226.00	66.9%
970-300 · Engineering	21,486.28	35,000.00	61.4%
Total 970-000 · Capital Outlay	68,538.95	103,676.00	66.1%
990-000 · Debt Service			
990-002 · Bank Fees	3.31	120.00	2.8%
Total 990-000 · Debt Service	3.31	120.00	2.8%
Total Expense	141,482.18	182,939.38	77.3%
Net Ordinary Income	517,039.74	208,610.62	247.8%
Net Income	517,039.74	208,610.62	247.8%

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
August 2025

	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Bu...</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
General Revenue			
401-000 · Taxes	21,455.59	25,000.00	85.8%
664-000 · Interest	4,023.40	1,500.00	268.2%
Total General Revenue	25,478.99	26,500.00	96.1%
Program Revenue			
Restricted			
538-000 · ORV State Grant	39,512.50	17,000.00	232.4%
Total Restricted	39,512.50	17,000.00	232.4%
Total Program Revenue	39,512.50	17,000.00	232.4%
Total Income	64,991.49	43,500.00	149.4%
Gross Profit	64,991.49	43,500.00	149.4%
Expense			
840-000 · IOHT Maintenance Truck	103.33	250.00	41.3%
62800 · Facilities and Equipment			
62840 · Equip Rental and Maintenance	0.00	250.00	0.0%
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	424.79	425.00	100.0%
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	424.79	675.00	62.9%
701-000 · Payroll			
701-003 · Direct Deposit Fee	0.00	10.00	0.0%
701-001 · Salaries and Wages	4,906.00	5,500.00	89.2%
701-002 · Payroll taxes	385.31	560.00	68.8%
Total 701-000 · Payroll	5,291.31	6,070.00	87.2%
727-000 · Office Supplies	41.32	50.00	82.6%
729-000 · Equipment	3,799.99	4,000.00	95.0%
730-000 · Office Equipment	0.00	758.83	0.0%
800-000 · Operations			
800-001 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	118.97	75.00	158.6%
800-002 · Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	100.00	0.0%
800-004 · Volunteer Recognition	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Total 800-000 · Operations	118.97	275.00	43.3%
802-000 · Accounting Contract Services	0.00	100.00	0.0%
850-000 · Telephone, Telecommunications	107.02	110.00	97.3%
860-000 · Travel and Meetings	0.00	100.00	0.0%
870-000 · Board Meeting Expenses	18.01	30.00	60.0%
970-000 · Capital Outlay			
970-100 · Signage			
970-105 · trail safety signage	274.50	250.00	109.8%
970-102 · Acknowledgement signs	65.32	0.00	100.0%
970-103 · Interpretive signs	998.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 970-100 · Signage	1,337.82	250.00	535.1%

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
August 2025

	<u>Aug 25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Bu...</u>
970-200 · Trail Expense			
970-204 · ORV Trail Work	4,790.00	2,900.00	165.2%
970-202 · Trail Supplies	149.07	76.00	196.1%
970-203 · Trail Maintenance	3,708.99	2,500.00	148.4%
Total 970-200 · Trail Expense	8,648.06	5,476.00	157.9%
970-300 · Engineering	0.00	2,500.00	0.0%
Total 970-000 · Capital Outlay	9,985.88	8,226.00	121.4%
990-000 · Debt Service			
990-002 · Bank Fees	0.00	15.00	0.0%
Total 990-000 · Debt Service	0.00	15.00	0.0%
Total Expense	<u>19,890.62</u>	<u>20,659.83</u>	<u>96.3%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>45,100.87</u>	<u>22,840.17</u>	<u>197.5%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>45,100.87</u></u>	<u><u>22,840.17</u></u>	<u><u>197.5%</u></u>

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority Transaction Detail by Account August 2025

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
001-004 · nicolet bank checking account			
1959	OK Rental	DR Brush Mower	-3,799.99
1953	Give'em a Brake Safety	Caution Trail Work signage	-274.50
1963	U.P. Fabricating Co., Inc.	Interpetive Sign Type A stanchion	-998.00
1957	Cattron's Lumber	treated lumber for bench repair	-43.80
1956	A Hamel Excavating	Republic Trail hill erosion repair	-3,090.00
1955	A Hamel Excavating	remove beaver dam from culvert Clarksburg	-450.00
1954	Associated Constructors	ORV C Route Negaunee Extension trail grade	-3,740.00
1964	Team Riders	Summer 2025 Maintenance ORV C Route N...	-750.00
1965	Tony Harry	Stoneville Gate Repair	-300.00
1962	Signs Now	MCIC MTB Team Recognition Signage Neg T...	-65.32
1961	Marquette BLP	Carp River Kiln & Neg Twp Trailhead lighting	-59.79
1967	City of Negaunee	CO Rd 492 RR Crossing Lighting	-15.00
1966	Verizon	IOHRA Cell Phone	-76.77
1958	Marquette County YMCA	Office Rent August 2025	-350.00
1960	Nicolet National Bank	August 2025 CC Payment	-586.14
	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 08/11/2025	-2,028.10
41059	Robert J Hendrickson	Direct Deposit	0.00
EFTPS	United States Treasury	26-1571652	-1,520.00
		Deposit	21,455.59
	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 08/22/2025	-2,028.09
		Deposit	8,040.00
		Deposit	3,740.00
		Deposit	20,250.00
		Deposit	7,482.50
41060	Robert J Hendrickson	Direct Deposit	0.00
Total 001-004 · nicolet bank checking account			40,792.59
TOTAL			40,792.59

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority
Deposit Detail
August 2025

Type	Date	Name	Account	Amount
Deposit	08/15/2025		001-004 · nicoleet bank checking...	21,455.59
Payment	08/15/2025	County of Marquette	001-001 · Undeposited Funds	-113.34
Payment	08/15/2025	City of Ishpeming t...	001-001 · Undeposited Funds	-11.81
Payment	08/15/2025	City of Marquette ta...	001-001 · Undeposited Funds	-21,330.44
TOTAL				-21,455.59
Deposit	08/26/2025		001-004 · nicoleet bank checking...	8,040.00
		State of MI	538-000 · ORV State Grant	-450.00
		State of MI	538-000 · ORV State Grant	-7,590.00
TOTAL				-8,040.00
Deposit	08/26/2025		001-004 · nicoleet bank checking...	3,740.00
		State of MI	538-000 · ORV State Grant	-3,740.00
TOTAL				-3,740.00
Deposit	08/26/2025		001-004 · nicoleet bank checking...	20,250.00
		State of MI	538-000 · ORV State Grant	-1,800.00
		State of MI	538-000 · ORV State Grant	-18,450.00
TOTAL				-20,250.00
Deposit	08/26/2025		001-004 · nicoleet bank checking...	7,482.50
		State of MI	538-000 · ORV State Grant	-467.50
		State of MI	538-000 · ORV State Grant	-6,850.00
		State of MI	538-000 · ORV State Grant	-165.00
TOTAL				-7,482.50
Deposit	08/31/2025		003-006 · U.P. State Bank Savin...	2,611.02
			664-000 · Interest	-2,611.02
TOTAL				-2,611.02
Deposit	08/31/2025		001-005 · nicoleet promontory a...	1,412.38
			664-000 · Interest	-1,412.38
TOTAL				-1,412.38