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**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 REPORT:
- VII. Event Approval:
2026 Polar Roll Adventure Race, Feb. 21-26 & Marji Gesick, Sept. 18-20 hosted by 906 Adventure Team
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Updates:
 - 1. Lakenenland Extension: plan going forward
 - 2. 2026 IOHRA Budget Approval
- IX. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Millage Tax Rolls & Bills reprinting reimbursement for Ely, Humboldt & Republic Townships
 - B. 2026 IOHRA Meeting Dates Approval
 - C. IOHRA Vision & Goals Session:
- X. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:
- XI. BOARD COMMENT:
- XII. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 4:30 pm Ishpeming Senior Center



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025, 4:30pm
Ishpeming Multi-purpose Senior Center, Ishpeming**

- I. CALL to ORDER: 4:32pm
- II. ROLL CALL: present: Larry Bussone, Jim Kippola, Carl Hosang, Jon Becker, Dawn Hoffman; Joe Neumann; absent: John Dulek, excused Larua MacDonald, Lauren Luce, Glenn Johnson; guest Ron Yesney, MiDNR
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hoffman motioned to approve agenda; Bussone seconded; ayes-all
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes): none
- V. CONSENT AGENDA: Bussone motioned to approve consent agenda; Hoffman seconded; ayes-all
 - A. August Minutes
 - B. Bills to be Paid
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT: no major changes noted; Neumann motioned to approve Financial Report
- VII. Event Approval: IshpeTurkey Trot; Diane Gauthier presented event at October meeting; Hosang motioned to approve event request; Kippola seconded; ayes-all
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Updates:
 1. Lakenenland Extension: project discussion focused on funding, scope, and potential implementation strategies. The original plan—which could exceed \$1 million—proposes constructing a separate 4.5-mile non-motorized trail extension running parallel to the existing ORV/snowmobile route, the original intent of the project. In contrast, Option B centers on improving the existing motorized corridor at a substantially lower cost. The administrator will review requirements for grant funding through the Michigan Trust Fund and the Michigan Trails Fund, noting that updated plans will need to be resubmitted for approval. Adding to the complexity is the planned reactivation of Co Rd BAA, which runs along and within the same right-of-way. The Marquette Road Commission will be working on the road corridor in the upcoming year with no completion date given. The board will be tasked with deciding on direction of the project at the December meeting.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. 2026 Budget: No major budget changes were made aside from the Budgeted Use of Fund Balance line item for the Lakenenland Extension project. Millage revenue is expected to increase, driven primarily by the three municipalities—Ely, Humboldt, and Republic—that voted to join the IOHRA last fall, as well as growth in the tax base in other communities. Three budget scenarios were presented to the board, each tied to the decision on how to proceed with the Lakenenland Extension. Approval of the 2026 budget will take place at the December board meeting.

B. Barnes-Hecker 100th: the IOHRA has been asked by members of the Barnes-Hecker 100th mine disaster anniversary if there was something to contribute to the event. Discussion included designating a route to the mine site from the IOHT via Wawonowin Club Road (CoRd 478) to Diorite Road (CoRd 496) to CoRd C1. This would be a permanent route designation. Another suggested would be to install an historic interpretive sign at the Wawonowin crossing with history of the Barnes-Hecker Mine and a map of designated route to the mine memorial.

C. IOHRA Vision & Goals Session: request by the board chair for each board member bring "that one project" they would like to see happen for their community in the upcoming year.

X. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Meet with the NTN to discuss final project planning documentation/trail plan for Koski Woods, plan will be completed by the end of 2025; discuss the City of Negaunee Campground/ORV parking lot lease with the city attorney; the parking lot property will be removed from the lease; some wording will be amended regarding the campground, it will then be presented to both the city and the IOHRA for approval before being signed

XI. BOARD COMMENT: Bussone suggested to approach Ishpeming Township to join the IOHRA; Hosang will keep us updated on the Barnes-Hecker 100th anniversary; Hoffman indicated that wayfinding is still needed in Ishpeming, especially from Cliffs Shaft to Winthrop Jct; Nuemann indicated that parking lot improvements and boundary has been improved at the IOHT trailhead/Township Park off Kawabawgam Road; Kippola informed the group that finding from the recreation and planning committee from Humboldt will have a report soon

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT: none

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Bussone motioned to adjourn; Hoffman seconded; meeting adjourned at 5:42pm

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 4:30 pm Ishpeming Senior Center

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority

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Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2025

Nov 30, 25

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
003-006 · U.P. State Bank Savings	323,504.42
003-005 · U.P. State Bank CD	400,000.00
001-006 · Embers Savings	13.31
001-005 · nicolet promontory acct	468,363.82
001-004 · nicolet bank checking acco...	49,872.84
Total Checking/Savings	1,241,754.39
Accounts Receivable	
018-000 · Taxes Receivable	
018-006 · Taxes Receivable - Marqu...	2,676.58
Total 018-000 · Taxes Receivable	2,676.58
018-009 · Grants Receivable	727.00
Total Accounts Receivable	3,403.58
Other Current Assets	
018-013 · Taxes Receivable - unassig...	54,294.62
Total Other Current Assets	54,294.62
Total Current Assets	1,299,452.59
TOTAL ASSETS	1,299,452.59

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
204-000 · Accrued Wages	5,722.06
203-000 · Unearned revenue	145,487.51
200-258 · Federal Taxes	1,030.94
200-259 · State Taxes	417.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	152,657.51
Total Current Liabilities	152,657.51
Total Liabilities	152,657.51
Equity	
395-000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	698,912.30
Net Income	447,882.78
Total Equity	1,146,795.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,299,452.59

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

	Jan - Nov 25	Budget	% of Bud...
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
General Revenue			
673-000 · State Travel Reimbursement	828.85		
674-002 · Individual Contributions	215.00		
401-000 · Taxes	481,823.39	500.00	43.0%
664-000 · Interest	23,782.39	399,800.00	120.5%
		20,100.00	118.3%
Total General Revenue	506,649.63	420,400.00	120.5%
Program Revenue			
Restricted			
674-006 · Sign Sponsorship	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
538-000 · ORV State Grant	147,839.06	88,000.00	168.0%
Total Restricted	147,839.06	89,500.00	165.2%
Total Program Revenue	147,839.06	89,500.00	165.2%
Total Income	654,488.69	509,900.00	128.4%
Gross Profit	654,488.69	509,900.00	128.4%
Expense			
840-000 · IOHT Maintenance Truck	994.03	1,600.00	62.1%
62800 · Facilities and Equipment			
62840 · Equip Rental and Maintenance	108.97	800.00	13.6%
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	4,630.44	4,675.00	99.0%
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	4,739.41	5,475.00	86.6%
701-000 · Payroll	62,513.04	66,410.00	94.1%
727-000 · Office Supplies	509.91	550.00	92.7%
729-000 · Equipment	3,881.49	4,000.00	97.0%
730-000 · Office Equipment	37.96	906.68	4.2%
754-000 · Grant expense	0.00	500.00	0.0%
800-000 · Operations	2,495.68	2,700.00	92.4%
800-001 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	193.00	325.00	59.4%
800-002 · Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	400.00	0.0%
800-004 · Volunteer Recognition	38.45	0.00	100.0%
Total 800-000 · Operations	2,727.13	3,425.00	79.6%
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	7,029.95	7,280.00	96.6%
803-000 · Professional Services Fees	1,970.00	2,850.00	69.1%
850-000 · Telephone, Telecommunications	1,178.50	1,210.00	97.4%
860-000 · Travel and Meetings	844.27	1,300.00	64.9%
870-000 · Board Meeting Expenses	271.26	330.00	82.2%
880-000 · Marketing	2,350.00	4,650.00	50.5%
880-005 · Print advertising	456.00	500.00	91.2%
881-000 · Public Relations	150.00	1,665.00	9.0%
884-000 · Website	0.00	600.00	0.0%
885-000 · Logo Apparel	0.00	30.38	0.0%
880-000 · Marketing - Other			
Total 880-000 · Marketing	2,956.00	7,445.38	39.7%
900-000 · Printing and Publishing	109.66	50.00	219.3%
956-000 · Property tax	21.55	21.55	100.0%

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

	Jan - Nov 25	Budget	% of Bud...
970-000 · Capital Outlay			
970-100 · Signage			
970-105 · trail safety signage	274.50	250.00	109.8%
970-101 · Trail directional signage	0.00	1,200.00	0.0%
970-102 · Acknowledgement signs	151.73	700.00	21.7%
970-103 · Interpretive signs	2,994.00	3,500.00	85.5%
970-100 · Signage - Other	1.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 970-100 · Signage	3,421.23	5,650.00	60.6%
970-200 · Trail Expense			
970-215 · Acquisition	1,260.77	0.00	100.0%
900-212 · Benches	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
970-204 · ORV Trail Work	76,592.50	89,000.00	86.1%
970-202 · Trail Supplies	653.36	501.00	130.4%
970-203 · Trail Maintenance	10,609.36	13,000.00	81.6%
970-206 · Grooming Expenses	550.00	750.00	73.3%
Total 970-200 · Trail Expense	89,665.99	104,751.00	85.6%
970-300 · Engineering	21,486.28	41,000.00	52.4%
Total 970-000 · Capital Outlay	114,573.50	151,401.00	75.7%
990-000 · Debt Service			
990-002 · Bank Fees	5.25	165.00	3.2%
Total 990-000 · Debt Service	5.25	165.00	3.2%
Total Expense	206,605.91	257,162.61	80.3%
Net Ordinary Income	447,882.78	252,737.39	177.2%
Net Income	447,882.78	252,737.39	177.2%

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority
Transaction Detail by Account
November 2025

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
001-004 · nicolet bank checking account			
41065	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 10/31/2025	-2,028.09
1996	Robert J Hendrickson	Direct Deposit	0.00
1996	Nicolet National Bank	IOHRA CC Payment	-535.28
1994	Marquette County YMCA	IOHRA Office Rent	-350.00
1995	Carey-Sodergren	Negaunee Twp Trailhead Pit Toilet Cleanout	-500.00
EFT	United States Treasury	Deposit	7,162.50
	QuickBooks Payroll Service	26-1571652	-1,026.62
41066	Robert J Hendrickson	Created by Payroll Service on 11/14/2025	-2,028.09
1999	Verizon	Direct Deposit	0.00
1997	Marquette BLP	IOHRA Cell Phone	-77.16
1998	City of Negaunee	Negaunee Twp Trailhead & Carp River Kiln U...	-61.00
2000	U.P. Fabricating Co., Inc.	RR crossing lighting	-15.00
2001	Marquette County Treasurer	IOHT Sign Stanchions qty 2	-1,996.00
2002	Randy Ruppel	Tax Tribunal adjustment	-181.12
		Beaver Control-Clarksburg Culvert	-50.00
		Deposit	433.10
7SV6...	Melynda Nannestad		48.06
Total 001-004 · nicolet bank checking account			
TOTAL			
			-1,204.70
			-1,204.70

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Deposit Detail
November 2025

Type	Date	Name	Account	Amount
Deposit	11/11/2025		001-004 · nicolet bank checking...	7,162.50
		State of MI	538-000 · ORV State Grant	-7,162.50
TOTAL				-7,162.50
Deposit	11/24/2025		001-004 · nicolet bank checking...	433.10
Payment	11/24/2025	City of Marquette ta...	001-001 · Undeposited Funds	-433.10
TOTAL				-433.10
Deposit	11/30/2025		003-006 · U.P. State Bank Savin...	2,798.49
			664-000 · Interest	-2,798.49
TOTAL				-2,798.49
Deposit	11/30/2025		001-005 · nicolet promontory a...	871.60
			664-000 · Interest	-871.60
TOTAL				-871.60