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**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026, 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. January Minutes
 - B. Bills to be Paid
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT:
- VII. Event Approval: Iron Range Roll, June 6, hosted by Connect Marquette
- VIII. BUSINESS
 - A. Lakenenland Extension: MiDNR Trust Fund Grant retained, project update
 - B. Negaunee Campground: EGLE consent form to access property, project update
 - C. IOHRA Vision & Goals Session: see list included
- IX. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: annual audit
- X. BOARD COMMENT:
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- XII. ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 4:30 pm Ishpeming Senior Center



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- I. CALL to ORDER: **4:32pm**
- II. ROLL CALL: **present- Jim Kippola, Jon Becker, Carl Hosang, Larry Bussone, Joe Neumann, Laura MacDonald, Laren Luce, Glenn Johnson; absent- Dawn Hoffman, John Dulek; guests- Carrie Hutchinson, Rob Katona, Sven Gonstead**
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Bussone motioned to approve; Hosang seconded, ayes- all**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes): **none**
- V. CONSENT AGENDA: **Bussone motioned to accept; Neumann seconded; ayes- all**
 - A. August Minutes
 - B. Bills to be Paid
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT: **Johnson motioned to accept; MacDonald seconded; ayes- all**
- VII. Event Approval: **Heikki Lunta Snow Shuffle, Feb. 7; Halloween Hustle Fun Run/Walk, Oct. 25; both hosted by BannedCampUP: application presented by organizer Carrie Hutchinson, the snow shuffle will be part of the Heikki Lunta celebration in Negaunee, it will be a 1-mile (1/2mile out and back) event starting and ending at UP Brewing Company; City of Negaunee will provide insurance as part of the Heikki Lunta Festival; Halloween Hustle will take place on Oct. 25, similar format to last year's inaugural event; Johnson motioned to approve both events, Hosang seconded, ayes- all**
- VIII. BUSINESS:
 - A. Lakenenland Extension: **IOHRA admin will present amendments for the project to the MidNR Grant administrators requesting to retain designated Trust Fund Grant for improving existing trail rather than building a separate trail surface. The project will remain within the original boundary map, include all additional scope items and will remain the same width which is 10'-12'. Support has been expressed by the MidNR Trails Division and Alger County SORVA.**
 - B. Koski Woods Trail Concept: **NTN Koski Woods Trail Concept was presented to the board this will be the basis of the document used to promote the project for public support and potential fundraising. The stacked looped trail system will be built on the 176acre tract of land purchased by the IOHRA in 2024 with a MidNR Trust Fund Grant, grant match was provided by the seller of the property, Schweminn and Britton families. The system will be designed for beginner to intermediate trail users, with some advance features branching off the main trails. Projected completion date for the project is set for the summer of 2028.**
 - C. City of Marquette request for Letter of Support for Wilson Street Muli-use Path Extension: **the extension will provide a key connection to the IOHT on the south side of Marquette. It aligns with the IOHRA purposes: To encourage municipalities or other entities to tie compatible links into the trail system allowing for greater access to businesses, parks, and schools.**

D. IOHRA Vision & Goals Session: list of projects will be presented at the February board meeting where projects will be ranked for prioritization. This will serve as framework to guide IOHT projects.

- IX. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Board of Directors' Terms & Contact Info-** board terms were reviewed, two terms for City of Negaunee & City of Ishpeming are expiring in 2026, admin inquired if both representatives are willing to continue to serve on the board, those board members are Jon Becker and Larry Bussone, both indicated that they are willing, admin will submit a letter to the city councils requesting reappointment; Ely and Humboldt Townships need to be slotted into staggered terms; also need a Marquette County representative appointed
- X. BOARD COMMENT: Kippola-** stated that after the township board reviews the trails & transportation plan he will share it with the IOHRA; Johnson presented to the Marquette Charter Twp board at their Jan. 7 meeting, he brought forth the Koski Woods project and received feedback from the board asking for more benches, possible lighting, thinning of the canopy foliage; MacDonald expressed that a primary desire is to create safe passage across U.S. 41 from the north to the IOHT; Neumann expressed that he was glad to hear the Trust Fund may still be viable for the Lakenenland extension; Hosang gave an update on the Barnes-Hecker 100th Year Memorial, lots of things happening at the memorial site, looking forward to what the IOHRA can contribute; Becker gave an update on the City of Negaunee campground along the IOHT just east down CoRd 480, EO Electric is still a partnering company looking to place self-contained camping pods on the site, the City of Negaunee is pursuing Federal EPA funding called the Good Samaritan Act which helps repurpose abandoned hard rock mine site by assessing, funding mitigation of hazardous material and along with liability protection
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT: Sven Gonstead** provided an update to the IOHRA regarding the trail easement process of surplus CCI land that is being sold off, much of it in the Ishpeming & Negaunee are with some in Sands Twp which serves as a critical snowmobile route.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT: Bussone** motioned to adjourn at 5:52pm, Hosang seconded, ayes- all

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 4:30 pm Ishpeming Senior Center

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority

Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2026

	<u>Jan 31, 26</u>
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	551,969.21
001-004 · nicolet bank checking account	46,482.51
Total Checking/Savings	<u>1,321,969.45</u>
Accounts Receivable	
018-000 · Taxes Receivable	
018-018 · Taxes Receivable - Humbolt	4,742.82
018-017 · Taxes Receivable - Ely Town...	10,376.63
018-001 · Taxes Receivable - Tilden	5,140.77
018-002 · Taxes Receivable - Ishpeming	11,755.08
018-003 · Taxes Receivable - Negaunee	25,000.00
018-004 · Taxes Receivable - Neg Twp	38,265.45
018-005 · Taxes Receivable - Mqt Twp	32,342.21
018-006 · Taxes Receivable - Marquette	532.71
018-007 · Taxes Receivable - Chocolay	28,142.90
018-011 · Taxes Receivable - Rep Twp	7,227.24
Total 018-000 · Taxes Receivable	<u>163,525.81</u>
018-009 · Grants Receivable	727.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>164,252.81</u>
Other Current Assets	
018-013 · Taxes Receivable - unassigned	54,294.62
Total Other Current Assets	<u>54,294.62</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,540,516.88</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,540,516.88</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
204-000 · Accrued Wages	5,722.06
203-000 · Unearned revenue	306,336.74
200-258 · Federal Taxes	1,008.92
200-259 · State Taxes	265.41
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>313,333.13</u>
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Total Liabilities	313,333.13
Equity	
395-000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	1,138,262.65
Net Income	88,921.10
Total Equity	<u>1,227,183.75</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,540,516.88</u></u>

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January 2026

	<u>Jan 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Bud...</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
General Revenue			
674-002 · Individual Contributions	200.00	0.00	100.0%
401-000 · Taxes	97,606.99	45,000.00	216.9%
664-000 · Interest	937.40	2,100.00	44.6%
Total General Revenue	<u>98,744.39</u>	<u>47,100.00</u>	<u>209.6%</u>
Total Income	<u>98,744.39</u>	<u>47,100.00</u>	<u>209.6%</u>
Gross Profit	98,744.39	47,100.00	209.6%
Expense			
840-000 · IOHT Maintenance Truck	10.00	50.00	20.0%
62800 · Facilities and Equipment			
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	426.77	425.00	100.4%
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	<u>426.77</u>	<u>425.00</u>	<u>100.4%</u>
701-000 · Payroll	5,348.22	5,960.00	89.7%
727-000 · Office Supplies	47.33	50.00	94.7%
800-000 · Operations			
800-001 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	26.97	75.00	36.0%
800-002 · Postage, Mailing Service	78.00	100.00	78.0%
800-004 · Volunteer Recognition	220.25	0.00	100.0%
Total 800-000 · Operations	<u>325.22</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>185.8%</u>
800-956 · Insurance - Workers' Comp	0.00	500.00	0.0%
802-000 · Accounting Contract Services	200.00	120.00	166.7%
850-000 · Telephone, Telecommunications	107.40	120.00	89.5%
860-000 · Travel and Meetings	0.00	50.00	0.0%
870-000 · Board Meeting Expenses	18.01	30.00	60.0%
880-000 · Marketing			
881-000 · Public Relations	100.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 880-000 · Marketing	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
900-000 · Printing and Publishing	0.00	50.00	0.0%
956-000 · Property tax	2,607.84		
970-000 · Capital Outlay			
970-200 · Trail Expense			
970-206 · Grooming Expenses	0.00	750.00	0.0%
Total 970-200 · Trail Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
970-300 · Engineering	632.50	2,500.00	25.3%
Total 970-000 · Capital Outlay	<u>632.50</u>	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>19.5%</u>

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January 2026

	<u>Jan 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Bud...</u>
990-000 · Debt Service			
990-002 · Bank Fees	0.00	15.00	0.0%
Total 990-000 · Debt Service	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Expense	<u>9,823.29</u>	<u>10,795.00</u>	<u>91.0%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>88,921.10</u>	<u>36,305.00</u>	<u>244.9%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>88,921.10</u></u>	<u><u>36,305.00</u></u>	<u><u>244.9%</u></u>

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority Transaction Detail by Account January 2026

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
001-004 · nicolet bank checking account			
09110...	City of Marquette taxes		6.19
4240	Marquette Township taxes		89.30
45179	City of Ishpeming taxes		2,829.36
45179	Marquette Township taxes		7,931.31
	Kristen Cantwell		23.79
	Mark Schneidhorn		145.17
95326...	Alison Lindberg		200.00
5189	Chocolay Township taxes		6,024.49
5047	Negaunee Township taxes		227.33
29971	Local Community Stabilization...		959.66
3790	Humbolt Township		652.07
4097	Tilden Township taxes		1,195.75
5218	Negaunee Township taxes		3,173.92
5228	Negaunee Township taxes		10,833.30
3693	Ely Township		3,048.79
1633	Republic Township		2,989.92
	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 01/09/2026	-2,039.09
DD1-1...	Robert J Hendrickson	Direct Deposit	0.00
EFTPS	United States Treasury	26-1571652	-1,539.90
2017	Marquette County YMCA	January 2026 Office Rent	-350.00
EFT	State of Michigan	26-1571652	-729.75
2018	Nicolet National Bank	IOHRA CC Payment	-530.81
2019	Marquette BLP	Utilities for Neg Twp Trailhead & Carp River ...	-61.77
	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 01/23/2026	-2,039.10
2020	Negaunee Township Treasurer	UMERC 2025 BOR & Michigan Tax Tribunal...	-2,117.47
2021	Marquette County Treasurer	DBOR, JBOR & TIF Adjustments	-490.37
2022	Coleman Engineering	Kawbawgam Rd to Lakenenland Extension	-632.50
2023	Verizon	IOHRA Cell Phone	-77.15
2024	City of Negaunee	RR Crossing Lighting near CoRd 492	-15.00
2025	Becky Harju	IOHRA Bookkeeping	-200.00
EFT	Robert J Hendrickson	Direct Deposit	0.00
		Deposit	57,645.60
Total 001-004 · nicolet bank checking account			87,153.04
TOTAL			87,153.04