



August 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - a. Trustees Present: Mike Bjork, Nikki Hebert, Rick Kinsey, Scott Abata, Hannah Goodman
 - b. Trustees Excused: Anthony Dallavalle, Kevin Schmutzler, Becky Waters, Justyna Skolasinski
 - c. Others in Attendance: Director Zach Hautala, Assistant Director Brett Smithson, County Commissioner Mike Stafford
2. Agenda Approval – 1) Rick 2) Hannah – All Trustees in Favor
3. Approval of June Minutes – 1) Rick 2) Hannah – All Trustees in Favor
4. Approval of June & July Financials – 1) Hannah 2) Rick – All Trustees in Favor
5. Old Business
 - a. None
6. New Business
 - a. Harvest & Haunt Liquor License
 - i. Zach stated that for us to sell beer at our 8th annual Harvest & Haunt fall festival, we need the board's approval to submit the liquor license application for a fee of \$25. Rick made a motion that was seconded by Scott to apply for the temporary liquor license for Harvest & Haunt. All trustees were in favor.
 - b. MEDA Annual Meeting
 - i. Zach previously emailed the board about this meeting. It will be taking place in Marquette from August 13-16 with a fee just above \$450. Our current budget for conferences is \$300 with \$50 already used. Zach requested that the budget

be amended to \$1,000. Rick made a motion that was seconded by Nikki to amend the budget for the requested amount. All trustees were in favor.

1. Mike stated that Zach needs to produce a report on what he learned from the conference and on some of the connections that he made.

7. Chamber Update

- a. Zach gave a verbal update to the board.

8. Visitor Comments

- a. Mike Stafford – Stated that there has been a record amount of building in Iron County so far this year. Bates Township has received the most building permits so far in this half year, more than any year they can remember. The county commissioners also gave a \$5/hour increase in wages to the sheriff, undersheriff, and deputies of Iron County as their department was the least paid among the surrounding counties. There is also going to be a meeting on August 15th for the possibility of putting out RFPs on the 911 dispatch services in our county. Mike also asked about the old building behind the ReMax building in Iron River and if there were any plans for it.

9. Trustee Comments

- a. Mike – Asked about who to reach out to regarding making posters for events in our area. Zach said that Louisa makes them for usually anyone when time allows her.

10. Adjourn

- a. Motion made by Rick, second by Hannah – All trustees in favor (3:35 pm)