



September 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (3:00 pm)
 - a. Trustees Present: Rick Kinsey (3:25 pm), Anthony Dallavalle, Scott Abata, Kevin Schmutzler, Becky Waters (Left at 3:20 pm), Hannah Goodman, Justyna Skolasinski
 - b. Trustees Excused: Mike Bjork, Nikki Hebert
 - c. Others in Attendance: Director Zach Hautala, Assistant Director Brett Smithson, County Commissioner Mike Stafford
2. Agenda Approval – 1) Becky 2) Scott – All in Favor
3. Approval of August Minutes – 1) Scott 2) Hannah – All in Favor
4. Financial Report w/Budget Amendment – 1) Becky 2) Scott – All in Favor
5. Old Business
 - a. MEDA Annual Meeting
 - i. Zach gave the trustees a verbal update on how the meeting went and he will submit a written report on it to the trustees.
6. New Business
 - a. Harvest & Haunt Fall Festival
 - i. Gave a verbal update on how the sponsorships were going. The final poster will be released and distributed the week of September 18th. Will also be sending out a volunteer list to the trustees to see if they are available to help with a couple shifts at the beer trailer.

- b. 2024 UP Firefighters Tournament – West Iron Co.
 - i. Updated the board that reservations have started for our campground for the 2024 firefighter's tournament next July. Zach stated that he was in contact with the WIC Fire Department and they stated that this event has seen fewer and fewer firefighters and attendees every year. One thing they asked the ICECA to do would be to offer free dumping and showers to firefighters who may not be staying at our campground. There was a motion by Anthony and a second by Justyna to offer free dumping and showers to firefighters. All trustees were in favor.
- c. CoVantage Money Market Account
 - i. CoVantage is currently offering money market accounts and CDs with a higher APY than what the ICECA is currently receiving. Zach has been working with CoVantage on crunching numbers for the ICECA to get the highest possible return on the money we have sitting in our accounts. We currently receive .1% and the money market would give us 3.5%. There was a motion made by Kevin and a second by Becky to move some money into a money market account. All trustees in favor. As for the CDs, Zach needed to crunch some more numbers, and look into early withdrawal penalties. There was a motion by Becky and a second by Scott for Zach to crunch the numbers and email the trustees what he finds out and have them approve or deny through email. All trustees in favor.
- d. ICECA Director Vacation Request
 - i. Zach stated that there is a chance he would be traveling with family to Vietnam and would be gone out of the office for 2 weeks near the end of March, early April of 2024. He would do a flexible hybrid vacation while gone where he would use vacation time for half and a hybrid work schedule for the other half. Becky made a motion and a second by Justyna to approve this vacation request. All trustees were in favor.

7. Chamber Update

- a. Zach gave a verbal update

8. Visitor Comments

a. Mike Stafford

- i. Stated the county may have started a wage war in law enforcement. The county increased the wage of their deputies by \$5 an hour, and then the City of Iron River offered a \$6 an hour increase to keep their deputies.

9. Trustee Comments

- a. Rick: Asked if anyone has had the chance to go view the new hut on the Paint River in Bates Township (Miskwaagamiwiziibi Park Shelter) and that it could be an article for the visitor guide for 2024. Also stated that the beautification committee is redoing the wood chips on the berms in a few weeks in downtown Iron River. Scott: Asked about the culvert project in the RV Park. The company is in Iron River doing other work, and once that is completed, they will be coming down to the park. Anthony: Asked about the brochure stands as he has entered a few businesses in Iron River who has them and they were picked through pretty good. Zach and Brett stated that they will keep up with them as long as material from the office allows.

10. Adjourn

- a. Motion by Kevin, Second by Rick. All trustees in favor (3:36 pm)

Minutes submitted by Assistant Director Brett Smithson