

Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2023

Houghton County Recreation Authority

WUPPDR, 400 Quincy St 8th Floor, Hancock, MI

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

II. Roll call

Jerald Wuorenmaa, Secretary, performed roll call:

- **Members present:**

- Jerald Wuorenmaa, WUPPDR
- Jeff Ratcliffe, KEDA
- Mary Sears, Franklin Twp
- Tim Gasperich, Calumet Charter Twp
- Mark Halkola, Osceola Twp
- Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County
- Andrew Ranville, Village of Calumet

- **Members absent:**

- Brad Barnett, Visit Keweenaw
- Mandy Lounibos, City of Hancock
- Eric Waara, City of Houghton (via video)
- Bruce Peterson, Portage Charter Twp

- **Others present:**

- Craig Hughes
- Jeff Kakuk, Michigan DNR
- Ben Larson
- Glenn Anderson
- Sean Gohman (via video)
- Kitty Beleck (via video)

III. Approval of agenda

Tom Tikkanen requested addition of an agenda item to change the Board member representing Houghton County from himself to Glenn Anderson. This agenda item would be placed after original item VIII, prior to Member updates. Jeff Ratcliffe moved to approve the agenda as amended, supported by Wuorenmaa. All in favor; motion carried.

IV. Approval of minutes (November 7, 2022)

Mark Halkola moved to approve the agenda, supported by Ratcliffe. All in favor; motion carried.

V. DNR/trails update

Jeff Kakuk provided a status and project update regarding multi-use trails in Houghton and Keweenaw counties.

VI. Copper Heritage Trail Memorandum of Understanding

Kakuk provided an explanation of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between DNR and the Recreation Authority pertaining to the Copper Heritage Trail route. It would allow design/engineering to be initiated for the proposed Hancock – Lake Linden nonmotorized trail segment within Franklin Township on DNR-owned land.

(Memorandum of Understanding is attached to these minutes.) Wuorenmaa moved for the Recreation Authority to approve and enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with DNR, supported by Andrew Ranville. All in favor; motion carried.

VII. Executive Committee update

Updates had been provided earlier during this meeting.

VIII. Consideration of appointment of non-motorized representative: Craig Hughes

Ratcliffe moved to appoint Craig Hughes as the Board member representing non-motorized interests, supported by Tom Tikkanen. All in favor; motion carried.

IX. Member updates

Updates were provided on the Swedetown Trails and on KORC activities including the “opening up” of the road to High Rock Bay.

X. Other business

None

XI. Public comment (three-minute limit)

None

XII. Adjourn

Ratcliffe moved to adjourn, supported by Ranville. All in favor; motion carried.