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Jacqueline Koski, Trustee

Joseph Derocha, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer  
Marline Worth, Trustee

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**January 13, 2009**  
(All Meetings are recorded)

Supervisor Derocha called the regular meeting of the Humboldt Township Board to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, with no members absent:

Supervisor – Joseph Derocha  
Treasurer – Barbara Mackey  
Clerk – Jill Rankinen  
Trustee – Jacqueline Koski  
Trustee – Marline Worth

**ATTENDANCE:** Gabriel Caplett, Bill Kinjorski, Teresa Bertoss, Emily Whittaker, John Etelamaki, Joe Wasie, Julie Wasie, Lorraine Palmer, Michael Palmer, Tom Prophet, Matt Eliason, Raymond Kenny, Pete Koski Jr., Don Osmund, Linda Osmund, Vincent Matthias, Paul Mattila, Martin Nappuk, John Allen Lacrosse, Berle Lapin, Don Mottich, Richard Hendickson, Steve Ronimeek, Chad Glisson, Gerald Ehdahl, Dan Royce, Darral Royce, Judy Plattenburg, Ken Irwin, Vincent Matthews, Nathan Makkuka, Carol Mackey, Terry Alderton, Jerry Matthews, Tom Warner, Steven Cevigney, Jim Lindholm, Bryan Johnson, Bill Robson and Karl P. Numinen.

**Motion was made by Worth to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 regular board meeting. It was seconded by Koski and agreed by all.**

**Motion was made by Jackie Koski to approve the agenda and she moved Carlisle Sanitation under New Business to 7a after Treasurer's Report. It was second by Marline Worth and all agreed by saying yes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Berle Lapin asked if he could speak under EMS Board & Fire Department report. Joe Derocha stated that he could.

**Motion was made by Jackie Koski to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Jill seconded it and all were in agreement.**

Jeanne Carlisle requested we leave the added fuel charge on, due to the fact Carlisle Sanitation did go for sometime with the price of gas higher without charging.

**Motion was made by Jill Rankinen and was second by Jackie Koski to leave as is for now. All were in favor.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marline Worth went to the West End Landfill Meeting.

Joe Derocha went to the Road Commission Meeting.

Jill Rankinen went to the Library meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

On file.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**A. EMS Board Report** - Next meeting is January 20, 2009. LaPin and Koski recommended the fireboard meets every month even through the holidays.

**B. Planning Commission Report** – No meeting in December.

**C. Road & Condominium Ordinance adopt to Zoning** – Sam stated he would like to postpone till next month. Joe would like to see it looked at and get the ordinance cleaned up.

**Motion to take it up at the next meeting was made by Mackey and seconded by Rankinen and all said aye.**

**D. Helen Lake County Road** – Derocha meet with Jim Iwaniki. Joe also called the Helen Lake Ass and asked them to point out the needed areas. Then they will meet with Iwaniki to get work done on the needed areas.

**E. Heritage Recreation Authority-** Jackie reported on what the Association wanted from us. All Townships involved are donating \$1000.00 to the Heritage Trail. Champion and Michigamme Townships have not been invited in with the Heritage Trail system. Heritage Trail has applied for a 1.3 million grant. Working on getting O'Brien's trail area open. Derocha feels their wording needs to be corrected so it would include all areas of uses. Derocha feels we should not sign contract or give them money that would be used in Marquette area instead of here in our own. Heritage Trail will be putting out another vote in 2010. Derocha feels they should come here to and talk with us. Jackie will talk to them and invite them to come to a meeting.

**Motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Jill to have Jackie go back and explain our feelings about the contract and invite the Heritage Recreation Authority to come and talk with us about the contact.**

## NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Humboldt Mine – Kennecott-** Jon Cherry manager for the Humboldt the Eagle and Mine project. Mr. Cherry gave a slide presentation on what is happening at the mine and how the rock will be processed. There will be no smelting. **The following people asked questions:**

Joe Derocha:

**What was the status of the ongoing lawsuits?** One has been won, two are coming to a end soon.

**Will Rio Tinto stay on schedule?** Yes,

**Will your proposed road schedule stay on schedule?** We have looked and found different routes. Have spent 2 years to own the land the road will be going on.

Derocha stated that the Marquette County Erosion permit is costing Kennecott \$15,600.00. A \$48,000.00 bond had to be meet. It shows that

if this were a small company they would never be able to afford it. Humboldt had a \$60.00 fee we charged them for zoning permit.

**Ron Norkola - Wolf Lake Rd.** – Asked what they were going to do with there water? No water will get out of the pit. It will also go through a water plant and then to the Escanaba River.

**Lorraine Palmer** – Where would we be today if they had given as much trouble to the Blueberry Mine and others mines in the past.

**Teresa Bertossi** – Marquette Co – City of Marquette. What chemicals are you using in the flotation part of the operations? What health effects this may cause to the public? Mercury? We have the air, water and health permits that have everything noted. Mr. Cherry would be happy to set with anyone and show him or her the permits and what is involved.

**Dave Rice – Republic** – Do you have plans to open 3 to 4 more plants in the UP? We would like to and the Humboldt could handle them.

**Richard Hendrickson** – Marquette – I was involved with the writing of the rules – the 6 32 Law. 13 days of working on this. There are a lot of issues that are under the table. Questions whether Kennecott can do this and it be safe for long-term concern?

**Ken Irwin** – Humboldt Township resident – In the past there was no rules for the mines. Ken stated the other mines that were at Humboldt did not have rules, he even turned them in. Cherry and the company are following the rules and wished Jon the best of luck.

**Michael Palmer** – Asked about the different names of the mines.

**Ann Bradley** – Skandia – doesn't feel this is a laughing matter. There is man her tonight that is worried about his water. This is apart of the UP way of life

**Jackie Koski** – Mining is a part of the UP way of life.

**Nathan Makkuka** – Mining is the best things that ever happen to the UP.

**Mike Martin** – Republic – Talked about Kennecott is a company to trust. In the UP since 1936 over 124 mines have been established. Sulfide Mine has been here before but lets due it safe.

**Gabriel Caplett** – Skandia – Wanted Mr. Cherry to describe the difference in sulfite mining.

**Jerry Plattenburg** – Humboldt miner. There has been the same rock as what Kennecott is going to mine.

**Ann Bradley** – Wanted to know how long theses jobs are going to be here? Cherry stated: 1 – 2 years constructions. 7 – 8 of mining the Eagle project and 1 –2 years of closing the mine. Very optimistic that there will be more mines we will continue working.

**Tom Warner** – Humboldt – How will the rail work? Cherry stated : It would run right into the mine.

**Joe Wasie** – Humboldt – What about the site map, Is there going to be a overpass over 41? Have you looked at the rail system instead of the overpass? Cherry stated: Grade is too steep to rail all the way.

**Jim Lindholm** – Humboldt – What about the Gold interest and other minerals? It would take much to replace for different minerals. No seined will be used.

**Joe Wasie** – How much land do you have? Cherry stated that they have purchased 500,000 Acres of land.

**Matt Eliason** – Humboldt – If the mine doesn't go through where will we go? It is great to have Kennecott here.

- B. **Planning Commission Annual Report** – Sam read the annual report. It is on file.
- C. **Carlisle Sanitation** – Moved to 7a. After the treasurer report.
- D. **Board Salaries** - Derocha stated that the board does not need to get a raise as his personal opinion. Motion was made by Mackey and seconded by Worth to not go for a raise this year. All stated aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Teresa Bertossi** - Kennecott is not a good neighbor.

**Jackie Koski** – resents Teresa saying the bad things that are happening in Big Bay area are due to Kennecott.

**Barb Bradley** – Skandia – Kennecott have two lawsuits on human rights violations. Please look at what they are really about.

**Richard Hendrickson** – Against the mine coming in.

**Lorraine Palmer** – Sure things have been bad in the past and that the mining company is doing all they can do to make it safe.

**Jay Matthews** – Has had family in the mines and they have live good long lives.

**Joe Derocha** - **Not to debate views. Was surprised how much they have to pay to Marquette County.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8.53 pm

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen

