

NEGAUNEE-ISHPEMING WATER AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 21, 2025  
WATER TREATMENT PLANT

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Negaunee-Ishpeming Water Authority was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2025 and was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by John Jackson.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Gravedoni, John Jackson, Kristen Mariuzza and Tony McGrath

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Bertucci

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristy Basolo, Plan B Publishing  
Jake Forchini, NIWA plant manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Paul Gravedoni made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Tony McGrath seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Tony McGrath made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2025 meeting as presented. Paul Gravedoni seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

Paul Gravedoni made a motion to approve the claims & accounts as presented and to pay the bills. Tony McGrath seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- City of Ishpeming TTHM/HAA5 Results — Jake Forchini said TTHM numbers were low this year compared to last year, which is good. Neither sets of data were of concern. Teal Lake should help alleviate the ongoing TTHM challenges, but things are looking good, even the running average. There have been no changes to the regulations.

- City of Ishpeming Lead/Copper Results — Jake said there were no violations, and these results came back with a lower average than last year. The max allowable level was lowered this year.

Paul Gravedoni made a motion to accept these results as presented. Tony McGrath seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jake Forchini said the plant is experiencing very low flow rates right now, so the staff is turning over the water in the tanks as much as they can to freshen the water. He has not seen flow numbers this low since 2009. Some construction coming that might change that.

Another lightning strike, and this time it fried a transmitter for Ishpeming's tank. The strike bypassed the surge protector and blew up back-up power supply and the transmitter. Jake is looking at making an insurance claim for this.

Jake talked to Municipal Well & Pump regarding well rehab plans for the future. They are booked out until October 2026. He said Well #10 rehab should be on the schedule; Dan Wiitala has been consulted for an opinion.

Tony McGrath made a motion to have Dan Wiitala/North Jackson do a feasibility study on Well #10 and its future replacement. Kristen Mariuzza seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Paul Gravedoni made a motion to accept the manager's report as presented and place it on file. Kristen Mariuzza seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Teal Lake Well Project Update—Jake Forchini said the site is still yet to be prepped. Workers are doing soil erosion and silt fence down there. The City of Ishpeming will level the area when that's done. Municipal will show up the second week of September for drilling.

Jake said regarding the topside work, Jeff Talsma is back and working on his part of this process. The permit has to be updated as they go. GEI is short staffed, so things are delayed on their end. The board noted frustrations with the delays on GEI's end.

- FSO 2026 Lagoon Cleaning Quote—Jake Forchini said this estimate is in line with past years.

Kristen Mariuzza made a motion to accept the proposal for the lagoon cleaning based on the July 30 quote. Tony McGrath seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Paul Gravedoni made a motion to adjourn at 4:21 p.m. Kristen Mariuzza seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Prepared by Kristy Basolo, recording secretary

Approved and respectfully submitted by James Bertucci Secretary/Treasurer