

## **Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority Board Meeting**

### **Call to Order (Agenda 1)**

The regular meeting of the NIESA Board was called to order by Chairperson Hart, on January 8, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Station 61, 1296 W. Grand River, Williamston, Michigan.

### **Roll Call (Agenda 2)**

Voting Members Present:

Mr. Chick, Mr. Diederich, Mr. Duffy  
Ms. Hart, Mr. Hansen,  
Ms. Schoenborn, Mr. Wilbrink

Voting Members Absent:

None

Non-Voting Members Present:

Ms. Schultz and Lana Stanfield

NIESA/Employees Present:

Deputy Chief Drent, Captain Ron Cole,  
Mason Babcock, Kyle Bergeron, Josh  
Brooks, Carl Crimalid, Kevin Forester,  
Brian Heddon, Tim Hilker, Adam House,  
Matt House (Son, Jackson House),  
Natalie Jolicoeur, Ron Lillywhite, Jamie  
Miller, Kyle Oesterle, and Hunter Sasse

NIESA/Employees Absent:

Director Yanz

Guests:

None

### **Pledge of Allegiance (Agenda 3)**

Chairperson Hart led the NIESA Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of staff in the house**— Deputy Chief Drent introduced the NIESA staff listed under “NIESA/Employees Present” and extended sincere thanks for their commitment to our community and for joining us at tonight’s NIESA Board meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda (Agenda 4)**

**Approval of Agenda**—that the NIESA Board of Directors approve the agenda of the regular meeting held Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Ms. Schoenborn, seconded by Mr. Diederich, moved to approve the agenda of the regular meeting for Thursday, January 8, 2026, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**Public Comment (agenda 5)**

Captain Ron Cole shared NIESAs first call as a tactical team came through as mutual aid to Stockbridge, responding to White Oak Township for a farmer trapped in a soybean-filled grain bin. NIESA’s tactical rescue team delivered a safe and successful rescue, demonstrating outstanding teamwork and professionalism. Their rigorous training and unwavering work ethic were evident in every step of the operation.

**Approval of Minutes (Agenda 6)**

**Approval of Minutes**—that the NIESA Board of Directors approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 11, 2025.

Mr. Wilbrink, seconded by Mr. Hansen, moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 11, 2025, as amended.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.

**Amendment:** It is recommended Lana Stanfield’s name be removed from the Non-Voting Members Present.

Mr. Wilbrink, seconded by Mr. Hansen, moved to approve the removal of Lana Stanfield’s name from the Non-Voting Members Present in the minutes of the regular meeting held December 11, 2025.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**—that the NIESA Board of Directors approve the minutes of the special meeting held December 22, 2025.

Mr. Wilbrink, seconded by Mr. Diederich, moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held December 22, 2025.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda (Agenda 7)**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**—that the NIESA Board of Directors approves the NIESA Check Account Summaries and Payroll Account Summaries dated December 2025.

Mr. Chick, seconded by Ms. Schoenborn, moved that the NIESA Board approve consent agenda Item 7, as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: 7      Mr. Chick, Mr. Diederich, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Hart,  
Mr. Hansen, Ms. Schoenborn, and Mr. Wilbrink

Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

**Old Business (Agenda 8) – (Action Items)—None**

**New Business (Agenda 9) – (Discussion Items)**

***Election of Officers in February***—Chairperson Hart informed the NIESA Board that she will not renew her position as Chairperson during the election of officers in February and she plans to step down June 30, 2026. Board members wishing to be considered for the roles of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, or Treasurer are asked to inform Chairperson Hart prior to the February 12, 2026, NIESA Board meeting.

***Village of Webberville DDA Agreement (2026-2027)***—nothing new to report.

**Reports (Agenda 10)**

Deputy Chief Drent, reporting on behalf of Director Yanz, delivered the Monthly Director's Report across Administration, Operations, Training, Grants, and Personnel. He noted a busy year with 1,743 runs, a successful mutual aid to Stockbridge this morning, and the onboarding of six SAFER-grant hires on January 5 who are now in NIESAs regular rotation. The County Fire Academy begins on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, with 13 students. He closed by thanking the Board and NIESA members for their support, training investment, community partnerships, and professionalism over the past year.

***Treasurer Report***

- *Bank Balances/Investment Report/Bank Fees*

***Department Heads***

- NIESA-EMS Fire Report, December 2025
- EMS/MC Accounting Report

**Public Comment (Agenda 11)—None**

**Board Member Comments (Agenda 12)**

Mr. Wilbrink noted that community concerns about training occasionally arise, today's rescue is proof that rigorous tactical training saves lives.

Captain Cole reported that the UTV was deployed last week to assist two people stranded on a small island surrounded by water off Meridian Road, and the vehicle proved essential to the response.

**Adjournment (Agenda 13)**

Ms. Schoenborn, seconded by Mr. Hansen moved that the NIESA Board meeting be adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Duffy, Secretary  
NIESA Board