# Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority Board Meeting <u>Call to Order (Agenda 1)</u>

The regular meeting of the NIESA Board was called to order by Chairperson Hart, on August 14, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Station 61, 1296 West Grand River, Williamston, MI.

#### Roll Call (Agenda 2)

<u>Voting Members Present:</u> Mr. Chick, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Diederich,

Ms. Hart, Mr. Hansen,

Ms. Schoenborn, Mr. Wilbrink

<u>Voting Members Absent</u>: None

Non-Voting Members Present: Ms. Schultz, Lana Stanfield (Village of

Webberville)

NIESA/Employees Present: Henion, Haley; Hilker, Tom; House,

Adam; Lane, Mackinley; Miller, Jamie; Oesterle, Kyle; Sasse, Huner; Severy, Jeremiah; Takovich, Mike, Ron Cole,

Mason Babcock

NIESA/Employees Absent: Deputy Chief Drent

Guests: None

# Pledge of Allegiance (Agenda 3)

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

# Approval of Agenda (Agenda 4)

**Approval of Agenda**—that the NIESA Board of Directors approve the agenda of the regular meeting held Thursday, August 14, 2025.

Amendment: add item under A. New Business, City of Williamston request for NIESA Calls/Runs report.

Mr. Wilbrink, seconded by Mr. Diedrich, moved to approve the agenda of the regular meeting for Thursday, August 14, 2025, as amended.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

#### **Public Comment (agenda 5)**

**Recognition of staff in the house**—President Hart recognized the many NIESA Staff shown under Roll Call "NIESA Employees Present". Chairman Hart thanked them for their service to our community and for attending tonight's NIESA Board meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes (Agenda 6)

**Approval of Minutes**—that the NIESA Board of Directors approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 10, 2025.

Mr. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Schoenborn, moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 10, 2025, as presented.

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 July 2025.

Mr. Wilbrink, seconded by Mr. Hansen, moved that the NIESA Board approve consent agenda Item 7, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

# Old Business (Agenda 8) - (Action Items)

Village of Webberville DDA Agreement (2025-2026 & 2026-2027)—Ms. Schoenborn reported the Village of Webberville DDA has amended the language to reflect the two-year agreement. Ms. Schoenborn asked the DDA to email her a copy of the agreement, but to date, she has not received the agreement. Ms. Schoenborn will plan to personally pick up the DDA Agreement and provide a copy at the next NIESA Board meeting of September 11, 2025.

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

**City of Williamston Request for Calls/Run**- Mr. Hansen would like to receive and share a monthly report with the City of Williamston and the Williamston taxpayers, similar to the Calls/Run report published in the Fowlerville News and Views, Mr. Hansen's request is that the report show

ambulance and fire runs separately for Stations 61 and 62. He would like to see this report highlight the stations' activity which will simultaneously build support for additional funding where needed in the future. Director Yanz has offered to provide a combined report to the City of Williamston to emphasize the unity and activity between both stations.

Chairperson Hart opened the floor to the many NIESA staff members present at the meeting. Staff members referenced a recent Facebook post originating from the Williamston Community that sparked renewed discussion regarding the potential reinstatement of a paid on-call staffing model. NIESA ambulance and fire personnel expressed concern for NIESA revisiting the on-call approach.

Several operational and logistical concerns were raised. Notably, a portion of NIESA's staff are certified medics and do not meet the eligibility requirements for an on-call status. Transitioning to such a model could jeopardize NIESA's current rating, which enables a rate reduction benefiting Williamston residents. Additionally, many NIESA employees reside outside the immediate community, presenting challenges in maintaining adequate response times under a paid on-call framework.

Mr. Duffy stated that he was unaware of the Facebook post being discussed. He expressed his support and the support of the entire NIESA board for all NIESA staff members. He stated that no discussion has taken place among NIESA board members regarding any staffing changes at NIESA.

To enhance transparency and community engagement, the leadership team will begin providing the City of Williamston with a consolidated monthly activity report encompassing both stations.

# Reports (Agenda 10)

**Director Yanz** provided his Monthly Director's Report in the areas of Administrative, Operations, Training, Grants, Personnel, and others.

#### **Department Heads**

Fire Run Summary Station 61 and Station 62.

# Treasurer Report

Bank Balances/Investment Report/Bank Fees

# Public Comment (Agenda 11)

Ms. Stanfield, Village of Webberville, thanked NIESA responders for their

timeliness in responding to calls and emergencies in our communities. Lana is very thankful to have these services noting some villages are struggling and cannot financially support a fire department. Thank you!

#### **Board Member Comments (Agenda 12)**

Dorothy shared the annual Emergency Services Class usually held in the fall in Frankenmuth is a very informative and encourages Board members to attend. Mr. Duffy has the information for this class and will pass it along to Board members.

Mr. Wilbrink thanks NIESA employees for their service and gave them kudos for doing great work and saving lives. He reminded the room that Director Yanz has made it a goal to make NIESA one of the best responders in the area, and NIESA staff continue making strides to reach that goal, he appreciates everyone!

#### Adjournment (Agenda 13)

Mr. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Schoenborn, moved that the NIESA Board meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Duffy, Secretary NIESA Board