

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 September 11, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Station 61, 1296 West Grand River, Williamston, MI.

Chairperson Hart read a tribute remembering the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks. Captain Ron Cole encouraged those in attendance to never forget the sacrifices made by first responders, many of whom continue to suffer the affects of that day 24 years later.

Chairperson Hart then asked for a moment of silence to honor those who died on 9/11 and in remembrance of the assassination of Charlie Kirk.

Roll Call (Agenda 2)

Voting Members Present:

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

Voting Members Absent:

Wheatfield Township

Non-Voting Members Present:

Lana Stanfield (Village of Webberville)

NIESA/Employees Present:

Director Mike Yanz, Deputy Chief Don Drent, Captain Ron Cole, Adam House, Jeremiah Severy, Mike Takovich, Kevin Forester, Ron Lillywhite, Pam Fraley, James Miller

NIESA/Employees Absent:

None

Guests:

Patricia Yanz

Pledge of Allegiance (Agenda 3)

Captain Cole 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, September 11, 2025.

Mr. Wilbrink, seconded by Mr. Hansen, moved to approve the agenda of the regular meeting for Thursday, September 11, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Public Comment (agenda 5)

Recognition of staff in the house—Chairperson Hart recognized the many NIESA Staff shown under Roll Call “NIESA Employees Present”. Chairperson 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 August 14, 2025.

Correction: Page 2, under **Recognition of staff**, “President” corrected to “Chairperson”.

Mr. Wilbrink, seconded by Ms. Schoenborn, moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 14, 2025, as corrected.

Ayes: 6 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 August 2025.

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6 Mr. Diederich, Ms. Hart, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Schoenborn, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Wilbrink

Absent: 1
Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Old Business (Agenda 8) – (Action Items)

Village of Webberville DDA Agreement (2025-2026 & 2026-2027)—Discussion focused on the dates within the agreement and whether those dates were correct. It was decided that the dates are correct.

Mr. Wilbrink, seconded by Ms. Schoenborn, moved to approve the Village of Webberville DDA Agreement for 2025-2026.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6 Mr. Diederich, Ms. Hart, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Schoenborn, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Wilbrink

Absent: 1

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

New Business (Agenda 9) – (Discussion Items)

Personnel Committee- Chairperson Hart read the minutes of the September 3 meeting of the NIESA Personnel Committee. The meeting was called to discuss comments made by Mr. Hansen during the Williamston City Council meeting held August 25.

In an email to Chairperson Hart, Mr. Hansen outlined the information he would like NIESA administration to provide monthly. This includes the run report printed in the Fowlerville New and Views as well as the date of the run, type of call, location and whether the response came from Station 61 or Station 62. During the personnel committee meeting, Director Yanz expressed concerns about HIPAA laws being violated as a result of some of the information being requested.

Board members asked Mr. Hansen why the additional information was needed. Mr. Hansen stated that he believed that the way that the information is currently being provided represents a smokescreen and does not clearly outline the run data.

2025 Auditor – Ms. Schoenborn stated that she is waiting on additional proposals from auditors before those proposals will be presented to the NIESA board at the October meeting.

Reports (Agenda 10)

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

Deputy Chief Drent gave a report on recent trainings held at Anderson's facility in Webberville as well as Jorgensen's Farm. He suggested that a resolution from the NIESA board expressing our appreciation for each organization's support would be appropriated.

Department Heads

- Fire Run Summary Station 61 and Station 62.
- Monthly Calls Report

Treasurer Report

- *Bank Balances/Investment Report/Bank Fees*

Public Comment (Agenda 11)

Ms. Stanfield, Village of Webberville, stated that she was bothered by Mr. Hansen's comments about NIESA at the Williamston City Council Meeting. She stated that he seemed angry and had a vendetta. She stated that a person should never judge without walking in another person's shoes.

Mike Takovich, NIESA staff member, stated that he travels from three counties away to work for NIESA and he's proud of the organization. He stated that all should be glad NIESA is led by Director Yanz.

Jeremiah Sevrey, NIESA staff member, addressed Mr. Hansen's comments on NIESA. He stated that he believed Mr. Hansen's comments were directed at all NIESA employees.

Board Member Comments (Agenda 12)

Chairperson Hart stated that 2026 will be the 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks as well as the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country. She is open to ideas on how to acknowledge these anniversaries.

Mr. Hansen stated that he was surprised that his request for run data had ignited a firestorm and he didn't understand the response.

Mr. Diederich expressed his frustration at Mr. Hansen's comments and reiterated his support for Director Yanz and NIESA's leadership.

Mr. Wilbrink addressed Mr. Hansen's comments and stated that when accusations are made, a person must come with facts.

Adjournment (Agenda 13)

Ms. Schoenborn, seconded by Mr. Hansen, moved that the NIESA Board meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Duffy, Secretary
NIESA Board