

**CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

July 22, 2011
1:00 p.m. (EDST)

Terrace Bay Inn
Gladstone

PRESENT

G. Corkin, Chairman, Marquette County
T. Elegeert, Vice-Chair, Delta County
D. Bovin, Treasurer, Alger County
J. Wetthuhn, Director, Hannahville Indian Community
J. Poupore, Director, Menominee County
J. Ottenwess, Marquette County
B. Carlson, Marquette County
C. Adams, Dickinson County
B. Herioux, Delta County
G. Johnson, Delta County
M. Negro, Menominee County
O. Doran, Schoolcraft County
B. Lang, Menominee County
B. Bedard, Dickinson County
L. Bal, Dickinson County
K. Sporer, Delta County
T. Edlebeck, Dickinson County
D. Kristola, Marquette County
B. Werner, Dickinson County
A. Feldhauser, Marquette County

ABSENT

J. Stevens, Dickinson County
L. Schultz, Menominee County
D. Wilson, Alger County
J. O'Toole, Delta County
T. Lesperance, Menominee County
P. Whitmarsh, Alger County
T. Callahan, Delta County
D. Spehar, Menominee County
J. Kippola, Marquette County
S. Aldrich, Schoolcraft County

STAFF PRESENT

L. Matthes
V. Norman
M Dewitt
S. Lenaker
P. Van Steen

GUESTS PRESENT

Morgan Tatrow, Garden Township Supervisor
Xio Cordoba, Heritage Sustainable Energy
Brad McPhee, Creative Composites Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Corkin. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY CHUCK ADAMS, SECONDED BY LEN BAL, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 4/21/11 MINUTES AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY BARB BEDARD, SECONDED BY GREG JOHNSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bovin presented a new format for the Treasurer's Report for the months of April, May, and June; the new format will give the Commission more information.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY DOUG BOVIN, SECONDED BY GERRY CORKIN, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gerry Corkin added these are interesting budgeting times and invites the Commission to give us suggestions on what/how we're doing and what we should be doing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gerry Corkin presented the Executive Committee report and the Criminal Justice Planning Committee activity report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lloyd Matthes encouraged the Commission to take some of the CUPPAD services dropsheets with them to leave at various meetings they attend; to get the word out on our services. Lloyd reported on shared services, the mining and zoning law that passed, gave an update on MEDC, announced we have a meeting scheduled with Senator Casperson and Representative McBroom to educate them on what regional planning commissions do and to request them to sponsor legislative oversight of MEDC, reported on a MAR meeting, a Green Aviation conference, and a possible defense cluster project. The Commission received copies of the economic vitality incentive program citizens guide and dashboard requirements.

MUNETRIX BUDGET ASSISTANCE TOOL

Lloyd Matthes reported we did not get enough feedback on the budget assistance tool. Therefore, we are not contracting for the service this year and will bring it back to the Commission next year if it looks worth while.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY LEN BAL, SECONDED BY TONY EDLEBECK, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROGRAM

Xio Cordoba, Heritage Sustainable Energy, updated the Commission on the Wind Energy Project in Garden and reported on the basics for a wind farm development including: having the wind resource, land base, high voltage transmission access, community support, having a power purchase agreement, development and engineering, and finally the construction and operation. Brad McPhee, Creative Composites Inc., spoke on using advanced polymer composite structures for military and wind applications; they do their own engineering, develop and design their own molds, and do their own assembly.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

The next scheduled meeting is October 28, 2011 in Marquette.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.