

CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 25, 2011  
4:00 P.M. (EST)

CUPPAD Office  
Escanaba

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PRESENT

G. Corkin, Chairperson, Marquette County  
T. Elegeert, Vice-Chair, Delta County  
D. Bovin, Treasurer, Alger County  
J. Stevens, Secretary, Dickinson County  
J. Poupore, Director, Menominee County  
J. Wetthuhn, Director, Hannahville Indian Community  
L. Schultz, Director, Menominee County

ABSENT

S. Aldrich, Schoolcraft County

OTHERS PRESENT

L. Matthes  
V. Norman

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Corkin. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY LIL SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY TOM ELEGEERT, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WAS MADE BY TOM ELEGEERT, SECONDED BY JILL WETTHUHN, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Committee approved the new format and agreed it gives them much more information.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY DOUG BOVIN, SECONDED BY TOM ELEGEERT, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

GRANT/CONTRACT UPDATE

The Committee received a copy of a contract roster listing signed contracts of \$2,213 and pending contracts of \$3,422. Lloyd Matthes stated we're trying to expand our services: the pending contract with Menominee City and Menominee Township is for an infrastructure feasibility study, Menominee Public Schools might use us for a study on consolidating the schools within the county, and he offered office space or contracting staff to the National Parks department.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lloyd Matthes reported Manistique Papers will not be closing for at least 6 months, mBank will be picking up their loan, he gave an update on the meeting with Senator Tom Casperson, Senator Casperson agreed legislative oversight is needed for MEDC, Representative Ed McBroom did not make it to the meeting but will be here tomorrow, we would like as many Executive Committee members there as possible, the economic vitality incentive program citizens guide and dashboard requirements were mailed out to all units of government, and MML is now offering webinars on the dashboard requirements. Lil Schultz added the dashboard requirements and guidelines were given out to all townships that attended the township association meeting in Menominee.

The Committee discussed the Collaborative Development Council and agreed UPEDA should be the leading agency to represent the whole U.P. on the Council, the Committee will be encouraging representatives from their county to be at the Council's meeting next Thursday at the Landmark in Marquette. Tom Elegeert will contact Greg Andrews with the Governor's office to get him involved. It was also suggested all cities, counties, townships, and villages pass resolutions stating UPEDA should be the leading agency to represent the whole U.P. and send the resolutions to Doug Smith & Mike Finney with MEDC and to our legislators. Michigan Association of Counties will be working on a revised resolution as well.

Lloyd Matthes reported New Page is working on restructuring, Basic Marine is looking for funding on expanding, he has a meeting scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> to work on a feasibility study on defense clusters, reported there may be a 30% reduction across the board on all our MDOT contracts and there also may be an additional \$20,000 from MDOT for all the regions to do some additional work; our project authorizations from MDOT should be coming by September 15<sup>th</sup> so we'll know more soon.

### PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION PLANNING LAW

Lloyd Matthes reported there doesn't seem to be a sponsor for the bill so the proposed consolidation planning law is on hold for now.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Lloyd Matthes reported 62 local units of government have paid their dues so far, 2<sup>nd</sup> notices went out this past week, and the City of Marquette will contract with us as a non-member because they have their own planning department.

### AUTHORIZE ART MINIGRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE

A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTING THE ART MINIGRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE WAS MADE BY LIL SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY JOE STEVENS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Joe Stevens excused himself from the meeting.

### REVIEW BYLAWS & PROPOSED PLANNING LAW

The Committee received a copy of a draft revision of our Bylaws, an Indemnification clause is added in Section 8 under III. Officers and Executive Committee, staff will talk to our insurance carrier to see

what the cost would be for this type of insurance coverage and present the information to the Committee next month. Also, a Section 9, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, Non-feasance, and Conflict of Interest section is added. Lloyd Matthes stated now that the proposed consolidation planning law is on hold, there's no rush to get the bylaws revised but it wouldn't hurt to have the changes in place in case it moves forward.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT BYLAWS FOR STUDY AND TO PUT IT ON THE NEXT AGENDA WAS MADE BY TOM ELEGEERT, SECONDED BY LIL SCHULTZ, AND CARRIEND UNANIMOUSLY.

#### FEDERAL REVIEWS

The Committee reviewed 4 projects with no comments; place on file.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

Our EDA representative will not be coming on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, the next meeting date will go back to the original scheduled date of September 22, 2011 in Escanaba.

#### ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tom Elegeert reported the fair went well; ended with a 7 ½% increase over last year. Doug Bovin reported Munising is under a water boil situation, MDOT will be starting a crack repair project on M-28 this fall, Neenah Paper is doing a little bit of hiring again, and Alger County has a new emergency preparedness person. Jill Wetthuhn reported they are working through the design phase of a new gas station. Jerry Poupore reported on a couple of road projects and L.E. Jones and Anchor Coupling are investing more money into their companies for improvements and new equipment. Lil Schultz reported Spalding Township applied to MEDC for a grant to purchase land for an industrial park and reported on farmland going into agriculture preservation. Gerry Corkin gave an update on Marquette's Administrator leaving; they will fill the position on an interim basis.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.