CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Corkin. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Al Bloniarz, on behalf of Systems Control welcomed the group to their facility.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY B. CARLSON, SECONDED BY L. BALL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 24, 2015 MINUTES WITH A MODIFICATION TO NOTE B. CARLSON’S ATTENDANCE WAS MADE BY B. CARLSON, SUPPORTED BY D. RUSHFORD, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
None

TREASURER’S REPORT
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE BY L. BALL, SECONDED BY D. RIVARD, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COMMITTEE REPORTS
G. Corkin presented the Executive Committee report; topics discussed included the Regional Prosperity Initiative, increased staff capacity at CUPPAD, The board passed two resolutions two authorize CUPPAD to accept grant dollars and/or submit a grant application. The first of which was to accept $70,000 to support the Target Market Analysis through a MSHDA grant and the second resolution was to submit a EDA Technical Assistance grant to support workforce development opportunities and the creation of training and professional development opportunities in the U.P.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
J. Schultz updated the group on various RPI (Regional Prosperity Initiative) projects currently in progress including the broadband access survey, regional recreation plan, U.P. housing target market analysis, and CTE marketing plan.

NEW BUSINESS
Chairman Corkin discussed this agenda item regarding the Mid-Peninsula Development Corporation and the dissolution and redistribution of its assets as allowed by its bylaws. The Mid-Peninsula Development Corporation whose assets (approximately $60,000) will be a new restricted CUPPAD line item that will be earmarked for grant match dollars to benefit the region as a whole or for purposes with board approval.

PROGRAM
Dickinson County Commissioner B. Kramer presented to the group an update on current happenings in Dickinson County. Forced to cut funding to certain programs, the county will be pursuing a 1.5 millage request for operating expenses. An example of the ballot language was provided. Commissioner Kramer also gave a presentation on the Belle Isle Trail which she was instrumental in promoting and developing a portion of in Dickinson County. Touting the economic impact of trail ways, Commissioner Kramer noted a potential place making project that could unify the entire U.P. along the trail way by pursuing “place making” along the trail route.

Wendy Warmuth, Superintendent of Dickinson Irons ISD was welcomed. She provided an overview of the programs and services provided at the tech. center. The majority of students are in 11th and 12th grade, some 10th. Programs include welding, health occupation, auto body, medical, gaming and coding, pre-engineering, marketing, entrepreneurship, seventeen options in total. 75-80% move on to post-secondary opportunities after completing their program. She concurred that students completing their programs leave prepared for a variety of career options but some of their obstacles remain “perception,” transportation to their facility to and from rural areas, and turning kids away due to capacity issues in the welding program. Joel Schultz asked what it would take to get another class going so that kids wouldn’t have to be turned away since employers need this workforce... They agreed to have a conversation about possible partnership opportunities with Michigan Works! to brainstorm how and if the obstacles can be overcome between space, faculty, and costs.

ADJOURNMENT
A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY L. BAL, SECONDED BY D. RIVARD AT 2:10 p.m.