CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2015
1:00 P.M.
Sydney’s Restaurant
Munising, MI

PRESENT
G. Corkin, Chair, Marquette County
J. Beudo, Treasurer, Hannahville Indian Community
B. Bedard, Director, Dickinson County
J. Gardiner, Director, Menominee County
J. Doucette, Alger County
R. DesJardins, Director, Alger County
D. Rivard, Director, Delta County
E. Mattson, Alger County
G. Johnson, Delta County
R. Anderson, Dickinson County
L. Bal, Dickinson County
A. Feldhauser, Marquette County
J. Thornton, Marquette County
B. Carlson, Marquette County
O. Doran, Schoolcraft County

J. Maki, City of Gladstone (Delta County)
D. Wilson, Alger County
C. Adams, Dickinson County
B. Werner, Dickinson County
R. Anderson, City of Norway (Dickinson County)
D. Kristola, Marquette County
J. Linder, Menominee County
J. Kippola, Marquette County
M. Ross, Menominee County
S. Aldrich, Director, Schoolcraft County

MEMBERS ABSENT
D. Wilson, Alger County
B. Herioux, Delta County

GUESTS PRESENT
K. Reynolds, Munising DDA
D. Olson, Munising City Manager
M. Sloan (newly appointed Commissioner)
D. Rushford (newly appointed Commissioner)

STAFF PRESENT
J. Schultz
R. Haller
E. Schada

CALL TO ORDER
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.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 31, 2014 MINUTES WAS MADE BY B. CARLSON, SECONDED BY J. THORNTON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
None

TREASURER’S REPORT
Treasurer J. Beudo presented the Treasurer’s Report and noted a cash balance on January 31, 2015 of $169,999.69. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE BY G. JOHNSON, SECONDED BY D. RIVARD, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COMMITTEE REPORTS
G. Corkin presented the Executive Committee report; topics discussed included the Regional Prosperity Initiative award, community outreach initiatives to member communities in an attempt to increase partnerships and visibility in the region CUPPAD serves, a recent spike in Master Plan and Recreation plan development by staff, the current Audit which was given to the Executive Committee to review before the March meeting, and approval of art mini-grants. We also recognized the outgoing Executive Committee members, Jim Gardiner, Barb Bedard, and Joe Stevens and thanked them for their service on the Executive Board.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
J. Schultz updated the Commission on the Regional Prosperity Initiative. Our request was successful and a contract was developed between RPI and CUPPAD. The award amount of $336,000 is expected any day. $375,000 was requested but no one received 100% of their ask. The objective of the award is to develop and 10-year working plan for prosperity for the Central U.P. through the accomplishment of several key initiatives which Rhiannon Haller from CUPPAD will touch on during a presentation. The funding allows CUPPAD to continue the momentum of the previously awarded “Tier 1” plan and continue facilitating the collaborative process with the Regional Prosperity Steering Committee, which through its membership of 22 individuals from the public and private sector, will take an active part on the overall RPI process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Approve FY15 Meeting Schedule
The group was reminded that the Executive Committee will meet March 19, 2015 in Escanaba as opposed to March 26, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS
Commission Appointments/Election of Officers
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY LEN BALL, SECONDED BY B. CARLSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY LEN BALL AND BARB BEDARD, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regional Prosperity Initiative Update

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE
The next scheduled meeting is April 24, 2015 in Alger Schoolcraft County.

ADJOURNMENT
A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY L. BAL, SECONDED BY D. RIVARD, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 2: 20 p.m. AND TRANSITIONED INTO THE PROGRAM- A TOUR OF NEENAH PAPER COMPANY.