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 D. RIVARD, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 25, AND JULY 25, 2014 MINUTES WAS MADE BY G. JOHNSON, SECONDED BY J. THORNTON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT
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TREASURER’S REPORT
Treasurer J. Beaudo presented the Treasurer’s Report and noted a cash balance on September 30 of $89,879. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE BY J. STEVENS, SECONDED BY B. CARLSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
G. Corkin presented the Executive Committee report; topics discussed included the Regional Prosperity Initiative process, staff increases, and a resolution for the Regional Prosperity Initiative Grant application.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
J. Schultz updated the Commission on the Regional Prosperity Initiative. Our plan for moving forward has been completed, the result of an ongoing collaborative process. CUPPAD facilitated the plan’s development and partnered with the other U.P. regions. The plan includes the region’s ranked assets and needs, vision and goals. We will be applying for a Regional Prosperity Council (Tier Two) with a total of $375,000 requested. $200,000 will be for us and $175,000 for projects we have identified.

J. Schultz reported the next Board meeting will be December 3 at the Rapid River Lodge. Strategic planning will start at 11:00 a.m. for staff; everyone is welcome to attend. The Board meeting will start at 3:00 p.m. The goal of the strategic planning is to determine where we want to be as an organization five years from now; how do we start prioritizing our growth.

J. Schultz also reported we have hired a new regional planner, Emilie Schada, on a contractual basis. Bonnie Strem will be retiring the end of November; CUPPAD’s transition to the new location is going smoothly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Approve FY15 Meeting Schedule
G. Corkin reported the meeting schedule was on the July agenda but we did not have a quorum at the meeting. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY15 MEETING SCHEDULE WAS MADE BY L. BAL, SECONDED BY B. CARLSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS
Approve FY15 Budget
J. Schultz presented the proposed FY15 budget with a fund balance usage of $85,401. He noted it is not unusual to have a fund balance shortage at this time of year; new grants and contracts will be coming in during the year. The Regional Prosperity Initiative is not reflected in this budget and we are fairly confident we will receive some funding for the RPI. Recently awarded funds from the Superior Health Alliance and EDA are not reflected in this budget. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY15 BUDGET WAS MADE BY G. JOHNSON, SECONDED BY R. ANDERSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Staff Activities Report
J. Schultz presented the Summary of CUPPAD Staff Activities for the period of October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE STAFF ACTIVITIES REPORT WAS MADE BY R.
ANDERSON, SECONDED BY D. RIVARD, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROGRAM

Mark Slown, Ishpeming City Manager, updated the Commission on Ishpeming’s current façade programs, infrastructure projects, small urban grant, freeze damage from last winter, beautification projects, and the Phelps School project.

Jeff Thornton, Negaunee City Manager, updated the Commission on Negaunee’s assisted living facility, new businesses in the downtown area, Iron Street revitalization, the decommissioning of their wastewater treatment plant, and the redevelopment of the Bernie Rivers Complex.

Community Food Systems: A Presentation by the U.P. Food Exchange Policy Committee
Natasha Lantz, Outreach Director at the Marquette Food Co-op; Matt Gougeon, General Manager; Brad Neumann, MSUE; and Thyra Karlstrom, Marquette County Planner, presented an overview of the U.P. Food exchange. A tour of the new Food Co-op and food hub aggregation site was conducted immediately after the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE
The next scheduled meeting is February 27, 2015 in Alger 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.