CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2014
1:00 P.M.

PRESENT
G. Corkin, Chair, Marquette County
T. Elegeert, Vice-Chair, Delta County
J. Gardiner, Director, Menominee County
B. Bedard, Director, Dickinson County
R. DesJardins, Director, Alger County
G. Johnson, Delta County
B. Herioux, Delta County
L. Bal, Dickinson County
B. Werner, Dickinson County
A. Feldhauser, Marquette County
O. Doran, Schoolcraft County
J. Maki, Delta County
B. Carlson, Marquette County
T. Karlstrom, Marquette County (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT, continued
J. Kippola, Marquette County
D. Kristola, Marquette County
J. Thornton, Marquette County
M. Ross, Menominee County
S. Aldrich, Director, Schoolcraft County
J. Stevens, Secretary, Dickinson County
J. Beudo, Treasurer, Hannahville Indian Community

GUESTS PRESENT
Wally Townsend, Dickinson Co. Planning Commission
Ann Dames
Gail Wood
David Soloa
Amy Berglund, Carl Levin’s Office
Ron Beauchamp, City of Escanaba
Devin Olson, City of Munising

STAFF PRESENT
J. Schultz
A. Milne

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 not present.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 25, 2014 MINUTES WAS MADE BY B. HERIOUX, SECONDED BY J. GARDINER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
None
TREASURER’S REPORT
Chairperson Corkin presented the treasurer’s report and noted a balance of $190,953.96. He also noted that there are trends for increased contract activity and spikes that reflect pay periods. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE BY L. BAL, SECONDED BY B. CARLSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
G. Corkin presented the Executive Committee report; topics discussed included CUPPAD grant and contract activity and the freeze damage caused by the past winter. The Board also discussed the move to the county building and the sale of the CUPPAD building to UPCAP for $1.

G. Corkin noted that the last Criminal Justice Committee meeting was May 20th at the Bay Pines facility. This meeting included a tour of the facility. The next meeting will be September 23rd in Escanaba.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
J. Schultz reported that CUPPAD was previously awarded the Regional Prosperity Initiative grant and has an opportunity to re-apply again this year. This time there is the possibility of bringing in other regional planning commissions from the Upper Peninsula as partners. The RPI process has resulted in the development of 10 initiatives in 5 key areas – infrastructure, workforce development, education, economic development, and quality of life. CUPPAD will try to develop projects that respond to these initiatives and priorities. CUPPAD has already developed an EDA grant to look at off grid energy solutions for the region. Joel also discussed the energy situation in the UP, the MI Connect effort to survey rural communities in order to expand broadband, the development of a marketing campaign around workforce training opportunities, and the rural wage study. Rhiannon has been the lead person on the RPI project. Anne Milne has been looking into ways to promote climate change adaptation in the region. CUPPAD has benefited from contractual relationships, for example, with Wendy Beach, Joel Shultz, and Michelle Viau.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2105 MEETING SCHEDULE WAS MADE BY B. HERIOUX, SECONDED BY J. GARDINER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROGRAM
A tour of Upper Hand Brewery in Escanaba was conducted after the Commission meeting. Upper Hand Brewery is a division of Bell’s Brewery and was recently constructed on land adjacent to the airport. The project is due to be completed this fall. Bell’s plans to brew three new beers from this location and will distribute them throughout the Upper Peninsula.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE
The next scheduled meeting is October 31, 2014 in Marquette County.
ADJOURNMENT
A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY L. BAL, SECONDED BY J. GARNIER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.