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 WITH THE ADDITION OF KEN MURDOCH, MEDC, TO THE PROGRAM WAS MADE BY C. ADAMS, SECONDED BY D. WILSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 26, 2013 MINUTES WAS MADE BY D. WILSON, SECONDED BY L. BAL, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
SECRETARY’S REPORT
None

TREASURER’S REPORT
J. Beaudo presented the Treasurer’s Report with a cash balance on September 30, 2013 of $97,570. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE BY S. ALDRICH, SECONDED BY B. BEDARD, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Gerry Corkin presented the Executive Committee report; major agenda items including employee health insurance and the Regional Prosperity Initiative.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
J. Schultz presented a draft of the Regional Prosperity Initiative Application. The submission deadline is November 1. We are applying for Tier One to complete a feasibility study for the purpose of developing a strategy to move to a different tier. The total funding request is $228,000, $193,000 for Tier One and $35,000 for a feasibility study. We have agreed to collaborate with the Western and Eastern Regions. Each of the three U.P. regions is requesting funding for UPEDA staffing and travel budget. We would pool together awarded funds for a total of $150,000, with $50,000 from each region.

Not much activity on the Cow Power grant due to the government shutdown. Ed McBroom is very interested in the project. MDARD (Michigan Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development) has a grant opportunity for county fairs to make building and other capital improvements to their fairground facilities; grants range from $1,000 to $20,000 and are due November 15. MDARD will also be accepting proposals for regional food systems grants; can apply for up to $75,000.

November 1 is the deadline for CEDS project submissions and we have not had a lot of submissions. We are anxious to identify good projects; there are parameters involved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of FY14 Budget
J. Schultz presented the budget, noting it is very conservative right now; we are on sound ground and building our capacity. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY14 BUDGET WAS MADE BY C. ADAMS, SECONDED BY S. ALDRICH, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Staff Activities Report
The Summary of CUPPAD Staff Activities covering the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 was reviewed. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE STAFF ACTIVITIES REPORT WAS MADE BY D. WILSON, SECONDED BY L. BAL, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
PROGRAM

Matt Wiitala, Transportation Grant Coordinator with the Michigan Dept. of Transportation, discussed Placemaking and MDOT loan and grant programs.

Ken Murdoch and Lois Ellis with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) presented an overview of the Michigan Business Development Program. The program is designed to provide grants, loans or other economic assistance to businesses for highly competitive projects in Michigan that create jobs and/or provide investment.

Paul Petersen, Waterways Grants Program Manager with the Dept. of Natural Resources, discussed grant opportunities for marinas and boat launches and gave a recap of emergency dredging in 2013.

A tour of the Manistique Marina and Harbor Master Building was conducted immediately following the business meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE
The next scheduled meeting is February 28 in Dickinson County.

ADJOURNMENT
A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY J. THORNTON, SECONDED BY B. BEDARD, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.