PRESENT
G. Corkin, Chairperson, Marquette County
J. Doucette, Alger County
A. Edlebeck, City of Kingsford
J. Linder, Menominee County
D. Rivard, Director, Delta County
J. Beaudo, Treasurer, Hannahville Indian Community
R. Desjardins, City of Munising

ABSENT
C. Reiter, Schoolcraft County

OTHERS PRESENT
J. Schultz, Executive Director
E. Schada, staff

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman, Corkin. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED MADE BY J DOUCETTE, SUPPORTED BY D. RIVARD, CARRIED.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MARCH 19, 2015 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY J. DOUCETTE, CARRIED.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
Treasurer Beaudo explained the influx in cash balance reflects the deposit of the $336,000 of “RPI” funds. At this point, it is at the highest point and will be reduced as projects begin and the funds are spent down over the next several months. The Treasurer also pointed out a discrepancy of when the Six County Alliance charges were made with a need for further clarification. With no other questions or concerns, Treasurer Beaudo asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Grant/Contract Update. THE MOTION BY ROD DESJARDINS AND SUPPORTED BY D. RIVARD TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT CARRIED.

5. DIRECTOR’S REPORT
J. Schultz updated the group on the recent news of the closure of the Future Mark Mill in Manistique which is continuing to be discussed by local and regional leaders for possible solutions and marketing it to potential investors to prevent its permanent shut down. Operating with a skeleton crew, Joel discussed some pending scenarios that are currently being discussed to get the mill up and running again and
Executive Director, Schultz announced that a key staff person, Rhiannon Haller, who has instrumentally brought resources to the CUPPAD organization with her strong skill set managing the RPI, EDA, and local planning efforts, will be taking a job in Pittsburgh, PA and whose last day is April 29, 2015. She will be greatly missed. The capacity of the organization to transition her workload will be accomplished by current staff as well as new hires of promising interns. J. Schultz also discussed Nathan Fazer as a possible candidate with a strong planning background who desires to return to this area of the U.P. Jerry Doucette encouraged the Director to work as expediently as possible to get someone in the organization to replace Rhiannon who can truly hit the ground running as there are multiple moving parts and projects going on right now.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: AUDIT
THE MOTION BY ROD DESJARDINS, SUPPORTED BY D. RIVARD TO APPROVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE 2014 AUDIT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. FEDERAL REVIEWS (Discussion)

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE: May 28, 2015 at CUPPAD

ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- Delta County – New Administrator starts May 18, 2015; from Norfolk, VA.
- Alger County- None;
- Hannahville – Bid packets for retail portion of the expansion project are being released;
- Menominee County– none;
- Dickinson County – the Kingsford’s postal service hub is closing in late July and all mail from the U.P. will be distributed from Green Bay, WI.
- Schoolcraft County- none;
- Marquette County – The County is dealing with tax tribunal issues related to the assessments of commercial buildings in the County and valuations, in some cases causing significant losses of revenue for the County due to refunds.

ADJOURNMENT
A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:38 A.M. WAS MADE BY D. RIVARD, SECONDED BY R. DESJARDINS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Emilie Schada
April 28, 2015