CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2016

PRESENT
G. Corkin, Chair, Marquette County
J. Doucette, Alger County
C. Reiter, Schoolcraft County
D. Rivard, Secretary, Delta County
T. Edlebeck, City of Kingsford/Dickinson County
J. Linder, Menominee County

ABSENT
R. DesJardins, Vice Chair, City of Munising/Alger County
J. Beaudo, Hannahville Indian Community

OTHERS PRESENT
E. DeGan, Staff; Richard Smith, Staff; Ben DuBois, Staff

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm and quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRINTED WAS MADE BY J. LINDER, SUPPORTED BY T. EDLEBECK; MOTION CARRIED.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A correction is needed in the attendance section of the minutes as J. Linder was present. Upon this change, A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE JULY 29, 2016 MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY C. REITER; MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
In Treasurer Beaudo’s absence, E. DeGan reviewed the July Treasurer’s Report. The cash balance as of the July Report is $338,870.09 with a net increase of $39,697.77 from the June report; this can be attributed to the reimbursement from MSHDA of $70,000 for the Target Market Analysis (TMA). Pass thru funds include payment for the Pure Michigan Campaign and EDO Reimbursement, both of which were projects identified through and paid by RPI funds. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY C. REITER; MOTION CARRIED. THE JULY TREASURER’S REPORT WAS APPROVED AND WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.
5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
In Director J. Schultz's absence, E. DeGan updated the committee that the RPI Council is has announced a call for project concepts to be included in 2017 RPI funding. The RPI boilerplate is to be released in October with the plan to be completed by December. The same amount of funding is expected to be made available as last year. R. Smith reviewed ongoing and potential zoning projects and B. DuBois discussed the parcel work he has been completing for Delta County.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None

7. NEW BUSINESS
An update was given to the committee that CUPPAD will be exiting its copier lease on September 1. CUPPAD entered in to a contract with Cooper Office Equipment for the copier and the lease was paid through Wells Fargo. Upon review of the contract it became clear that leaving the lease would make fiscal sense. To exist the lease before September 1 there would be a $4,000 charge which is why CUPPAD has remained in the lease. CUPPAD is currently looking into acquiring a new copier.

A MOTION TO LOOK INTO A VARIETY OF OPTIONS FOR A NEW COPIER INCLUDING LEASING AND PURCHASING FOR THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW WAS MADE BY T. EDLEBECK, SUPPORTED BY D. RIVARD; MOTION CARRIED.

8. FEDERAL REVIEWS
None

9. The next meeting will be September 22, 2016 in Escanaba

10. Items from Executive Committee

Alger County: Work for the new jail is ahead of schedule and the target open date is October 1, 2016.

Delta County: Although the official report is not yet out, a rainy weekend slowed down attendance at the UP State Fair. Fireworks, a new addition to the fair, were well received and the entertainment went just as well. Law enforcement is looking into the release of hogs at the fair. The county jail will be back on the ballot with a reduced millage amount; the equalization department is in renegotiations; and a new knife company will be moving to Delta County with hopes of reaching a worldwide market.

Dickinson County: Millages on the ballot for Michigan State University Extension, the Dickinson County Conservation District, and for a Dickinson County property tax limitation increase all did not pass; The County is reviewing applications for a new County Controller; A public hearing for the Amendment of the Dickinson County Solid Waste Plan

Marquette County: The closing of the Empire Mine will affect not only the 400 laid off employees, but also the County as a whole. Of the 400 laid off individuals some will be able to transfer to a mine in Minnesota, others will be retiring, and the majority will be looking for another job. Michigan Works! is assisting these employees with retraining opportunities.

Menominee County: Nadeau Township is continuing work on a walking trail and pavilion construction. Little changes in the County to report on since last month.

Schoolcraft County: The new Ford dealership on US2 is near complete; three millages will be on the ballot in November with one for a senior center expansion, another for the VA, as well as EDC support.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm by Chairperson Gerry Corkin.