CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2016
11:00 am EST

Central Community Center
413 Maple Street
Munising, MI 49862

PRESENT
G. Corkin, Chair, Marquette County
J. Beaudo, Hannahville Indian Community
J. Doucette, Alger County
C. Reiter, Schoolcraft County
D. Rivard, Secretary, Delta County
J. Linder, Menominee County

ABSENT
R. DesJardins, Vice Chair, City of Munising/Alger County
T. Edlebeck, City of Kingsford/Dickinson County

OTHERS PRESENT
J. Schultz, CEO; E. DeGan, Staff; B. DuBois, Staff; Nathan Fazer, Staff; Richard Smith, Staff; Peter Van Steen, Staff; Mark Slown, Ishpeming City Manager

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am and quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRINTED WAS MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY C. REITER; MOTION CARRIED.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE JUNE 23, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY C. REITER; MOTION CARRIED

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
Treasurer Beaudo reviewed the June treasurer’s report. It was noted that the cash balance as of the June report is at $299,172.32. Beyond normal activities, the cash balance has been spent at a quicker rate due to several RPI projects involving pass-through funds such as the Target Market Analysis (TMA), Economic Development Professional Development, and Placemaking Mini-Grants. A higher June report than what is typically seen can be attributed to three pay periods in June. A MOTION BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY J. DOUCETTE, THE JUNE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS APPROVED AND WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.
5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
J. Schultz noted that Anne Milne, Community Planner, has recently left CUPPAD and that her ongoing projects have been reassigned to current CUPPAD staff. Kayla West’s part-time work at CUPPAD has also come to a close as the Superior Health Foundation grant is near complete. If another health-related project arises West will be considered for potential future work.

Schultz updated the Executive Committee on the progress of ongoing projects that staff is involved in. The Pure Michigan Campaign and TMA pass-thru funds have been paid. Economic Development Support pass-thru funds are roughly 50% expended and the Placemaking mini-grants have been distributed to 17 communities. With the Talent Attraction & Retention and Airport Study soon coming to a close, those pass-thru funds will be distributed in the near future. The Regional Energy Study and Broadband Survey Report are completed and can be found on the CUPPAD website. Regional GIS with Delta County is going well and staff is proactively communicating opportunities to expand GIS to other communities. The Joint Regional Recreation Plan draft is to be completed by the end of September and will include information that will allow 13 communities within the CUP to be eligible for DNR funds. Stronger Economies Together (SET), an economic development planning initiative with technical assistance from MSUE and USDA Rural Development, will be wrapping up with its last meeting on August 3. The information gained from SET will be utilized in the upcoming Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI) Plan. 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.

Schultz discussed the difficulty of providing affordable health insurance options to staff with Blue Cross Blue Shield as the only choice on the exchange. Committee members noted health insurance options being used elsewhere in the region. CUPPAD will continue to explore health insurance options that provide a more affordable rate for staff.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None

7. NEW BUSINESS
None

8. FEDERAL REVIEWS
The Executive Committee was provided with a copy of the Federal Review for the UPAWS application for USDA funds for the building of a new shelter. Van Steen noted that notices will go out to all communities in Marquette County.

9. The next meeting will be August 25, 2016 in Escanaba

10. Items from Executive Committee
With the meeting running past the scheduled time, the committee agreed to adjourn in lieu of local updates. Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm by Chairman Corkin.

Minutes prepared by Emma DeGan