CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 21, 2016
3:00 p.m. (EST)
CUPPAD Offices
Escanaba

PRESENT
Gerry Corkin, Marquette County
Jill Beudo, Hannahville Indian Community
Dave Rivard, Delta County
Tony Edlebeck, Director – City of Kingsford
Craig Reiter, Director- Schoolcraft County

ABSENT
Jerry Doucette, Alger County
Rod DesJardins, City of Munising
Joe Linder, Nadeau Township

OTHERS PRESENT
J. Schultz, E. Schada
Menominee County Commissioner, Gerald Piche

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman, Corkin. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A MOTION BY C. REITER, SUPPORTED BY T. EDLEBECK, THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA CARRIED.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 3, 2015 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED MADE BY C. REITER, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO; MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED MADE BY J. BEAUDO SUPPORTED BY T. EDLEBECK; MOTION CARRIED. It was noted that personnel costs are higher due to the two-step increase for employees recently approved to compensate for the higher health insurance rates.

5. DIRECTOR’S REPORT
With year-end financials of FY16 at $311,000 compared to $169,999.69 (FY15), CUPPAD is in a much stronger financial position than in year’s past. Director Schultz suggested in the future investing in professional development for staff- Form Based Code Certification was an example that could diversify some of the services offerings CUPPAD can provide for communities.

Director Schultz noted that the Regional Prosperity Initiative Application was sent in December 1, 2015 and we were notified that the submission was received with potential awards being determined by the end of January. Although speculative, we’re fairly certain our application will be funded but most likely not in its
entirety. One member remarked how programs like this could be reduced to provide funds necessary to be redirected for Flint Disaster Relief. Director Schultz didn’t think the RPI will be affected. He invited the group members if they are interested to attend the March 15th Governor’s Summit at the Amway Hotel in Grand Rapids. We hope to have solid representation there from the Upper Peninsula.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
An update of the Membership Dues was provided.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A A MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between CUPPAD and the Upward Talent Council was provided. The benefits of the partnership were discussed, the obvious ones being collaborations between the agencies which is aligned with State goals and cost reasonableness for CUPPAD to benefit from the expertise of a high qualified CPA and an Executive Director for $49,000. A motion to accept the MOU effective until June 30, 2016 made by Craig Reiter supported by Dave Rivard carried.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE: February 26, 2016- Escanaba; this will be a Commission meeting and Dave Rivard will work with CUPPAD to develop a program representative for Delta County.

9. Items from Executive Committee

- Alger County- N/A
- Schoolcraft County- the Manistique River was cresting causing flood warnings. This will be a concern from now until spring. The County’s Road Commission will soon have 5 members rather than 3 which might be advantageous to help guide them through major budget shortfalls due to unfunded liabilities for retirees.
- Menominee County- Menominee County Board member Gerald Piche was welcomed.
- Dickinson County – There was a settlement for Breitung Township related to the Dark Store issue
- Hannahville – 2% grant rounds are open currently until March 31st. The expansion work at the Island Oasis is going well; this includes laundromat, coffee shop, public Pharmacy, Physical Therapy clinic, and Spa.
- Delta County- The County is working with CUPPAD on the Non-Motorized Trail plan and starting to meet as a stakeholder committee; the County wants to use some of the money that was left over for the bridge removal to be redirected to clean up the river around it; The County will pursue a May 3rd millage election requesting $15-$18 million for a new jail.
- Marquette County- Chairman Corkin was welcomed back. Word is out that Empire Mine will be closing in 1-2 years cutting approximately 400 jobs. The hope is many will be at retirement to soften the effects on individuals and their families.

10. Adjournment: A MOTION BY D. RIVARD SUPPORTED BY T. EDLEBECK (4:05 p.m.)