PRESENT
G. Corkin, Chair, Marquette County
J. Beaudo, Hannahville Indian Community
J. Doucette, Alger County
R. DesJardins, Vice Chair, City of Munising/Alger County
T. Edlebeck, City of Kingsford/Dickinson County
C. Reiter, Schoolcraft County
D. Rivard, Secretary, Delta County

ABSENT
J. Linder, Nadeau Township

OTHERS PRESENT
J. Schultz, CEO; E. Schada, Staff

CALL TO ORDER
Quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRINTED WAS MADE BY R. DESJARDINS, SUPPORTED BY J. DOUCETTE; MOTION CARRIED.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MAY 26, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY T. EDLEBECK. MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
Treasurer Beaudo reviewed the April and May reports. All was in order but a large expenditure under equipment will be clarified, assuming it was a software upgrade for GIS, a budgeted expenditure. It was noted that the RPI grant is being spent down as it should, and will continue in this pace until hopefully an opportunity to replenish it next year occurs. A MOTION BY C. REITER, SUPPORTED BY R. DESJARDINS, THE APRIL AND MAY TREASURER’S REPORTS WERE APPROVED AND WILL BE PLACED ON FILE.

5. DIRECTOR’S REPORT
J. Schultz reported on various activities and upcoming programs and workshops staff is involved in. Regional GIS with Delta County is going well and outreach is centered around communicating the opportunity to other communities. The Place Making grants have been distributed. The TMA is wrapping up with reports available for viewing and distribution on CUPPAD’s website under “recent projects.” The Regional Recreation Plan is a great tool for communities to qualify for potential DNR funds – the plan will be adopted locally by each community listed and will be complete soon. The Talent and Attraction strategy will involve
the consult of the former Governor’s Office liaison, Sara Wycoff McCully, whose skills ensure the plan’s quality. The Director then showcased a video sample of the Escanaba Master Plan, an accompanying public outreach tool for their Comprehensive Plan. The video was five minutes in length, and the group suggested slowing the screen shots down to aid in reading the text.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None

7. NEW BUSINESS
None

8. FEDERAL REVIEWS
None

9. The next meeting will be Friday, July 29th (moved up a week from July 22) in Alger County at 11 a.m.

10. Items from Executive Committee
Alger County – R. DesJardins congratulated Jerry Doucette on balancing out a bond and the recent jail breaking ground. Pictured Rocks brought in a larger carrier (350); H58 road construction is a $1.8 million project; tourism numbers are expected to outpace last year’s 37% increase, and the adage continues in Alger County that there continue to be “lots of jobs, but not many places to live.”

Dickinson County- The Dark Store issue will be affecting Iron Mountain big box retailers; there are several expansion projects and new businesses in the area signaling some good economic development in Kingsford and the area including an Assistant Living development.

Schoolcraft County- The Ford development is coming along and the Short Term Rental Ordinance, after a long process, was written into law. Property owners surrounded by Cloverland are receiving huge utility bills and they are upset.

Hannahville- The pharmacy and coffee shop are open, and the annual golf tournament is in “full swing.” They will be reviewing bids for a County Rd. improvement.

D. Rivard mentioned a local ship builder/repairer will be bringing in some big freights. The county’s two DNR grant proposals are moving forward in the process including a large land acquisition for recreation on 1400 acres, and a project at the Fairgrounds.

Marquette- The County feels validated about the time and investment in the Dark Store fight.

Minutes prepared by Emilie Schada