PRESEN'T
J. BeRardo, Treasurer, Hannahville Indian Com.nnity
T. Edlebeck, Director, Dickinson C
J. Linder, Director, Menominee County
J. Doucette, Director, Alger County

ABSEN'T
G. Corkin, Chairperson, Marquette County (excused- weather related)
D. Rivard, Delta County (excused- out of town)
R. DesJardins, Vice Chairperson, Alger County
C. Reiter, Director, Schoolcraft County

OTHERS PRESENT
P. Van Steen

CALL TO ORDER
In the absence of Chairperson Corkin, the meeting was called to order by J. Doucette at 3:10 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

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

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 26, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY T. EDLEBECK, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO; MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT
J. BeRardo reviewed the Treasurer’s Report noting there was a large expenditure for travel expenses; staff will check on the travel expenditure amount and report at the next Executive Committee meeting. A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY J. BEAUDO, SUPPORTED BY T. EDLEBECK; MOTION CARRIED.

P. Van Steen reviewed the status of contracts, noting Dickinson County Solid waste Plan Amendment and Delta County GIS are new contracts. T. Edlebeck inquired of the activities of the Delta County GIS project and on-going maintenance costs of the GIS project for Delta County and mentioned possibility the three Dickinson County cities along with the county could be interested.

5. STAFF REPORT
P. Van Steen reported on various activities and upcoming programs and workshops staff is involved in.
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
An e-mail from Michelle Viau to Emilie Schada regarding clarification of why the RPI funding was included as General revenue not included as Special Revenue was presented and discussed. The Executive Committee would like to know why the RPI funds, since the funding was received as the result of submitting a competitive grant application and being awarded a state grant, is not noted as Special Revenue. The Executive Committee would like further clarification at the next meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS
P Van Steen briefly discussed the 2016-2020 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that is prepared and submitted to EDA every five-years, with annual updates submitted during the ensuing years. A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2016-2020 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WAS MADE BY T. EDLEBECK, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO; MOTION CARRIED.

The draft A Vision For a the Future of UP Utilities White Paper, Michigan Tech Keweenaw Research Center was received and placed on file.

8. FEDERAL REVIEWS
P. Van Steen reported on the recreation notice of intent received from City of Manistique, Burt Township, Powell Township, City of Munising, Delta County- UP State Fair Authority, and City of Marquette. No comments made.

9. The next meeting will be held April 22, 2016 at the CUPPAD offices, Escanaba.

10. Items from Executive Committee
- Alger County-
  Jerry mentioned the controversy concerning the gag order legislation. The County has selected the contractor and will be starting the Jail project soon. The 911 will be moving into the new facility. ALTRAN is getting new busses and construction on new garage to replace the burned down one will be starting soon; there is a school millage question for expansion of elementary school onto existing High School building, the old elementary will be sold for low-income housing. There is a great influx of tourist to the Munising area with motels filled and restaurants running out of food.

- Menominee County –
  Joe mentioned there is some enthusiasm by the county in joining CUPPAD; there are some commissioners in joining.

- Dickinson County-
  Tony mentioned a new business will soon be in operation at the multi-color building in Norway. A local business is expanding its engraving business. The local Ace hardware is moving from Iron Mountain to Kingsford. There is rumblings about the Kingsford Armory closing, Baraga Armory has been looked at for closure. A new mail-sorting machine from Wausau is being installed at the Kingsford Mail Sorting Facility and the mail carriers have been moved from Kingsford to Iron Mountain to make room for the new machine.

- Hannahville –
  Jill reported a new pharmacy, laundromat, coffee shop serving Starbucks coffee, and physical therapist will be located at the Oasis gas station expansion.
• Marquette-
  Jerry Doucette reported on the new hospital and adjacent motel coming to Marquette and the closure of the mine.

10. A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:15 PM WAS MADE BY J. BEAUDO, SUPPORTED BY J. LINDER; MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes prepared by Peter Van Steen