CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 28, 2014
4:00 p.m. CUPPAD Office
Escanaba, MI

PRESENT
G. Corkin, Chairperson, Marquette County
T. Elegeert, Vice-Chair, Delta County
J. Stevens, Secretary, Dickinson County
J. Beaudo, Treasurer, Hannahville Indian Community
J. Gardiner, Director, Menominee County

ABSENT
R. DesJardins, Director, Alger County
B. Bedard, Director, Dickinson County
S. Aldrich, Director, Schoolcraft County

OTHERS PRESENT
J. Schultz, staff
B. Strem, staff

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Corkin. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY J. STEVENS, SECONDED BY T. ELEGEERT, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 7, 2014 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY T. ELEGEERT, SECONDED BY J. GARDINER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURER’S REPORT
The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed with a cash balance on February 28 of $243,429. Receipts for the month were $40,123. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE BY J. STEVENS, SECONDED BY J. GARDINER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Grant/Contract Update
The Committee reviewed the updated list of potential contracts and grants staff are currently pursuing. A signed contract has been received for the City of Menominee Recreation Plan. The LSCP has been awarded $68,500 for the Wage Study project; the project was submitted to MEDC through the UPCDC as the regional project request. LSCP will contract with us for some of this award. A 2% grant was submitted to the Sault Tribe for a Regional School Bus Route Efficiency project to assist local school districts with improving busing efficiency. A 2% grant proposal was also submitted to the Hannahville Indian Community for youth
agriculture education activities associated with Ag youth groups. The MDARD Specialty Crop Block grant will be submitted by April 11.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

J. Schultz reported that Lee Shirey, our EDA representative, was here on March 14; met with staff and community representatives. June 14 is the deadline for submitting another round of public works grant applications and technical assistance grants. We are looking at possible projects that we could tie into an EDA grant; possibilities include the energy challenges, Delta County Airport. Munising may have a public works project. We are moving forward and coming up with new ideas; if we get a new funding stream, we look at what projects would fit.

J. Schultz reported on the upcoming move to the Delta County Service Center; looking at layout and construction for office space. The new conference room is being constructed and will be used by Michigan Works and the County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Membership Dues Update
The Committee reviewed the status of membership dues; no change since last month.

FY13 Audit Clarifications
The Committee received and reviewed the audit clarifications from Michelle Viau on Note 10 (Beginning Fund Balance Adjustments) and the overspending on the MDOT Heritage Route and Rural Task Force grants.

FEDERAL REVIEWS
Two Federal Reviews were reviewed with no comments: Lion’s Field Trailhead Development and Park Improvements (Chocolay Township), and Strawberry Lake Park Improvements (City of Norway); place on file.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE
The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2014 in Menominee County at the Little Nugget Golf Course in Wallace.

ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
G. Corkin reported on the challenges being faced with this winter’s cold temperatures; the freeze-ups are very costly to the townships and communities. Our U.P. legislators were in Ishpeming so we could educate them and show them the damage first hand. Marquette County recently asked for an emergency declaration from the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and was denied. Senator Casperson set up a hearing in Lansing; officials from several U.P. counties attended and we got a lot of good input from the U.P. on the damage. Marquette County will be re-submitting and hopefully it will be approved.

J. Stevens reported that Dickinson County is sending their Equalization Director, Sid Bray, to a hearing in Lansing on Home Depot’s reduced tax assessment for its Breitung Township store. Breitung Township has
filed a court appeal, which the County supports. This is still on the front burner with our Legislators and a high priority; we have to fight this.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:50 P.M. WAS MADE BY J. GARDNER, SECONDED BY T. ELEGEERT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.