PRESENT
G. Corkin, Chairperson, Marquette County
J. Stevens, Secretary, Dickinson County
J. Beaudo, Treasurer, Hannahville Indian Community
R. DesJardins, Director, Alger County
B. Bedard, Director, Dickinson County
J. Gardiner, Director, Menominee County
D. Rivard, alternate for T. Elegeert, Delta County

ABSENT
T. Elegeert, Vice-Chair, Delta County (alternate present)
S. Aldrich, Director, Schoolcraft County

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ONE ADDITION UNDER NEW BUSINESS: 7C EDA RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT WAS MADE BY R. DESJARDINS, SECONDED BY J. GARDINER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 28, 2014 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY J. STEVENS, SECONDED BY J. BEAUDO, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURER’S REPORT
The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed with a cash balance on August 31 of $153,162. Receipts for the month were $47,301; total cash outlays $54,273. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE BY J. STEVENS SECONDED BY R. DESJARDINS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Grant/Contract Update
The Committee reviewed the updated list of potential contracts and grants staff are currently pursuing.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
J. Schultz reported the transition to Michigan Works is going well. We are paying the utilities and keeping the liability insurance until we have everything moved out of the building. A lot of the old files will be
shipped to the NMU Archives; we will pay to have the files shipped. The public will have access to the information and so will we. We will use the $10,000 from UPCAP to do a housing study and UPCAP will pay for Alger and Schoolcraft’s reduced membership. J. Stevens noted that Dickinson County has a budget hearing coming up, with increased expenditures and decreased revenues. When he argues to fund CUPPAD does he have any options. G. Corkin replied that with our present policy there are no other options. We would like to say five of the six counties are on board; the commitment to CUPPAD is what we want; the money is secondary. We would hate to lose Dickinson County.

We received the Superior Health Foundation grant for $25,875.

We will advertise for a general planner and see what kind of expertise comes in. Rhi and Anne have the GIS background.

NEW BUSINESS

Review/Approve Preliminary FY15 Budget
The preliminary budget was reviewed. J. Schultz noted that we need to generate $85,401. There’s a high probability the Regional Prosperity Initiative will be funded next year; we are asking for $375,000 or at least what we got last year. We were just awarded the EDA grant for $29,000. New contracts and grants will be picked up as the year goes on.

J. Schultz asked the Board if they had any thoughts on staff raises. Discussion followed. Joel noted staff is doing a good job and we should reward them. They received a substantial increase last year because we took away health insurance. Rhiannon is doing an excellent job; she committed to two years and is in her second year. We have to look at the productivity of the employees. Everyone should get a fair cost of living increase and if you have a special employee you should reward them. We need to create a strategic plan and maybe create another higher level position. Joel will put something together for the next meeting.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY FY15 BUDGET WAS MADE BY R. DESJARDINS, SECONDED BY G. CORKIN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approve Appointment to Art Minigrant Review Committee
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF TERRY O’CONNOR TO THE ART MINIGRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE WAS MADE BY R. DESJARDINS, SECONDED BY J. STEVENS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Authorized Signatory Resolution with EDA for Local Technical Assistance Grant Application
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY RESOLUTION WITH EDA FOR THE LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION WAS MADE BY J. BEAUDO, SECONDED BY J. GARDINER, AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLE CALL VOTE.

FEDERAL REVIEWS
No Federal Reviews for the month of September.
NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE
The next meeting will be held on October 31, 2014 in Marquette County.

ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
G. Corkin reported that the Eagle Mine is now operational, working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. J. Gardiner reported Anchor Coupling is hiring and L.E. Jones is expanding. J. Stevens reported Dickinson County has put T-Hangars at the airport. D. Rivard reported Tom Elegeert’s surgery went well. R. DesJardins reported the City of Munsing’s new manager, Devin Olson, is doing a great job.

J. Schultz noted the Rapid River Lodge would be a good place to have the December Board meeting/dinner and that he would like to change the date to Wednesday, December 3 due to a conflict. Food can be brought in and it’s a more controlled atmosphere. The Board agreed.

ADJOURNMENT
A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:15 P.M. WAS MADE BY J. STEVENS, SECONDED BY J. GARDINER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.