CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 27, 2015
3:00 p.m. (EST)

CUPPAD Offices
Escanaba

PRESENT
G. Corkin, Chairperson, Marquette County
D. Rivard, Delta County
J. Doucette, Alger County
A. Edlebeck, Director
C. Reiter, Schoolcraft County

ABSENT
J. Beaudo, Excused
R. DesJardins, Excused
J. Linder, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT
E. Schada, staff and A. Milne, staff

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Corkin. Roll call was taken and updates were given until quorum was present at 3:50 p.m.

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

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE JULY 24, 2015 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY J. DOUCETTE CARRIED.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
The Treasurer’s Report was tabled until next month.

5. STAFF REPORT
A. Milne and E. Schada updated the group on various RPI initiatives including Broadband Surveys, the Regional Recreation Plan, the Target Market Analysis, and the CTE Marketing Plan in partnership with the Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP) which for that particular initiative has taken the reigns and hired a Marketing Company to complete. Anne invited the group to three meetings of interest:
   - September 14th in Marquette: Regional Transit meeting
   - October 6th in Escanaba, a meeting bringing regional partners, private and public, together to discuss recycling.
   - November 5th: at NMU, Health Care Conference to discuss best practices in addressing the three common health care issues faced commonly by the regional providers, including substance abuse, obesity, and mental health.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None
7. NEW BUSINESS

7A EDA Resolution: In accordance with the grant regulations for a grant application submitted by CUPPAD to the EDA in the amount of $83,993.64, a board resolution was updated to reflect the new match amount and authorize its submittal. A MOTION BY T. EDLEBECK, SUPPORTED BY D. RIVARD TO PASS THE UPDATED RESOLUTION CARRIED.

7B A MOTION BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY J. DOUCETTE TO ACCEPT THE MCACA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $27,500 CARRIED TO CARRY OUT REGIONAL RE-GRANTING ACTIVITIES DURING FY16.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE: September 24, 2015 in Escanaba.

9. Items from Executive Committee

- Alger County - Jerry attended the final drawing meeting for the new jail after which they will go out for bid. They’re commitment is to hire local contractors.
- Schoolcraft County - The rumor of a buyer for the paper mill goes unsubstantiated. “It Doesn’t Look Good.”
- Menominee County – NA
- Dickinson County - A business is expanding in Norway Township; a Sturgeon River Mill Works building is undergoing a rebuild after a fire; with the states of Montana and North Dakota, Tony Edlebeck said their county and legislators are fighting for a moratorium on discussions to close mail processing plants to ensure other options are pursued including the location in Kingsford. There are consequences of its closure not only local employment but eliminating one day mail service will have consequences on local businesses, i.e. water sampling is a concern causing a bottle neck in getting necessary results quickly and efficiently. There will also be road work from on Mtn. Road from US 2 to the city limits. The Hot Asphalt Pilot project was well received (Chicago-based Gallaher Co.) and will prove to be a cost effective method for road repair especially due to an 80/20 grant.
- Hannahville – NA
- Delta County - The House of Ludington is being sold to a developer that will be rehabilitate it for market rate housing units. They are requesting a variance due to the current parking requirements (34 spaces) to develop half of those. This is a $6 million project. There are efforts to develop a Deep Sea Port and this is going well and will soon accommodate larger crafts.
- Marquette - the KI Sawyer Treatment Plant that started in 2009 is progressing ; their jail expansion is progressing entailing transforming a farm into female inmates facility, and freeing space up downtown.

10. Adjournment: A MOTION BY GERRY CORKIN SUPPORTED BY REITER (3:55 p.m.)