CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 24 2015
10:00 a.m. (EST) Systems Control
Iron Mountain

PRESENT
G. Corkin, Chairperson, Marquette County
Rod DesJardins, City of Munising
D. Rivard, Delta County
J. Beaudou, Hannahville Indian Community
A. Edlebeck, Director
J. Linder, Director
C. Reiter, Schoolcraft County (10:50 a.m.)

ABSENT
J. Doucette, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT
J. Schultz and E. Schada, staff

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Corkin. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
THE ADDITION TO THE AGENDA TO DISCUSS THE 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE AND BOARD RESOLUTION FOR EDA GRANT WAS NOTED UNDER 7b AND 7C. A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVISED AGENDA MADE BY R. DESJARDINS, SUPPORTED BY D. RIVARD CARRIED.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE JUNE 25, 2015 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO CARRIED.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
TREASURER BEAUDO remarked that the process of having the provided color coded check register was a significant improvement in the process. Both the May and June Treasurer’s reports were presented and a motion was requested. SUPPORTED BY R. DESJARDINS, THE MAY AND JUNE TREASURER’S REPORTS WERE APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED TO PLACE ON FILE.

5. STAFF REPORT
Director Schultz updated the group on various RPI initiatives as well as some stumbling blocks along the way, one of which is associated with the Region-Wide Rec Plan. Even while there is currently a model of implementing large scale region-wide plans in other areas of the state, we need to make sure the process enables local communities to maintain local control of their plans, outcomes, and the planning process. Keeping the goal in mind to reduce duplicity and redundancy in doing a region wide plan, CUPPAD is working with the DNR to understand specifically how the regional plan can meet their criteria for funding local projects in the communities included in the plan. Joel also updated the group on the CTE Marketing project,
which CUPPAD is working with other parties on including UPCDC and LSCDC. As such, CUPPAD is no longer in the “driver’s seat” of this project but hopes through its funding contribution, will continue to influence collaboratively the outcome of the project with the partners involved. Joel updated the group on current staffing- at the current time, nine employees are with CUPPAD. One intern will be leaving August 21st and another will be offered to extend their contract another three months. Funding for CUPPAD will continue to be an issue as the Regional Prosperity Initiative grant continues to be spent down and the funding opportunity eventually opens up to other entities, not only regional planning organizations. By doing so, CUPPAD is susceptible to losing funding as competition tightens.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS        None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A MSHDA TMA Resolution: In accordance with the grant agreement between CUPPAD and MSHDA to receive $70,000 to support the Housing Target Market Analysis, A MOTION BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY T. EDLEBECK APPROVED A CERTIFIED RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HDF-310.00.

7B CUPPAD Meeting Schedule – the FY16 Meeting schedule was shared for approval and future distribution. A MOTION BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO, THE FY16 MEETING SCHEDULE WAS APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED TO PLACE ON FILE.

7C 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 to authorize its submittal was proposed by Gery Corkin and supported by D. Rivard. With a roll call, the resolution was passed.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE: August 27, 2015 in Escanaba.

9. Items from Executive Committee

• Schoolcraft County- “Strong” rumor is that there is an interested party with a Letter of Intent on the mill property.
• Menominee County – “Has its airport bac k.”
• Dickinson County- A CDBG Revolving Loan fund was approved to enable a local business to expand (Pasty Business). 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.
• Hannahville – Oasis expansion has started and work has begun on the new pharmacy.
• Delta County- a Jail Committee has formed to look at this issue of a new jail going forward. A mixed use projects at the old bank building along Ludington has an interested developer with a funding package to rehabilitate it into apartments and main floor commercial.
• Marquette- the KI Sawyer Treatment Plant that started in 2009 is progressing and their jail expansion is progressing entailing transforming a farm into female inmates and freeing space up downtown.

10. Adjournment: A MOTION BY GERRY CORKIN SUPPORTED BY REITER (11:55 A.M.)