PRESENT
R. Anderson, City of Norway
J. Beaudo, Hannahville Indian Community
G. Corkin, Marquette County
J. Doucette, Alger County
D. Rivard, Delta County
J. Doucette, Alger County
J. Linder, Menominee County
C. Reiter, Schoolcraft County

ABSENT/EXCUSED
S. Aldrich, Schoolcraft County

OTHERS PRESENT
Dotty LaJoye, Director
Elise Matz, Upper Peninsula Regional Director for Senator Gary Peters

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairperson Gerald Corkin; a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A MOTION TO ADD A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE 2018 REGIONAL PROSPERITY GRANT. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA MADE BY D RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY J. DOUCETTE, MOTION CARRIED.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2017 MINUTES MADE BY J. DOUCETTE, SUPPORTED BY R ANDERSON, MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
The Treasurer’s Report was presented to the Executive Committee. Treasurer J. Beaudo stated that the budget shows a cash balance of over $600,000 but that the majority of those funds are the Art Place Grant and RPI. Overall, the budget looks fine. A MOTION WAS MADE BY J BEAUDO TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT, SECONDED BY D. RIVARD, MOTION CARRIED.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
LaJoye reported that the RPI was experiencing growing pains. Guidelines and bylaws originally put in place do not provide enough guidance as to how funding decisions are made by the council
members. Tensions began to unfold during a presentation from the UP Arts Association. Since that time the EDO’s have been taking it upon themselves to decide which projects will get funded and capturing funds proposed for projects they did not approve. Now that the RPI grant application is ready for submittal, CUPPAD will take the measures needed to tighten up the bylaws and update the plan.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT MADE BY J. BEAUDO, SECONDED BY G. CORKIN, MOTION CARRIED.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Commissioners expressed concern that LaJoye hired a new planner for CUPPAD that will work remotely from his home when they had unanimously suggested against it during the last executive committee meeting. LaJoye explained her actions as necessary given the applicants qualifications CUPPAD’s need for his talents and the limited number of planners applying for jobs in the UP. Commissioner Beaudo explained a need for a policy to be in place that details expectations between CUPPAD and the employee. LaJoye agreed and said she would develop a remote employee policy for the next executive committee meeting in January.

7. NEW BUSINESS
Review of resolution to approve the 2018 RPI grant application. ROLL CALL VOTE, 8 AYES, NO NAYS, RESOLUTION SIGNED BY SECRETARY RIVARD

8. FEDERAL REVIEWS
None

9. NEXT MEETING
The next Executive Committee will be January 25, 2018 at 2:00 PM in Escanaba.

10. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m. by Chairperson Gerry Corkin.

Meeting minutes prepared by D. LaJoye