1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Chairperson Gerald Corkin; roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA WITH ADDITION OF 2A- APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT JULY 27, 2018 MEETING WAS MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY C. REITER; MOTION CARRIED.

2A. APPROVAL OF JULY 27, 2018 ACTIONS
MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AT THE JULY 27, 2018 MEETING WAS MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY C. REITER; MOTION CARRIED.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 27, 2018 MINUTES WAS MADE BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY J. LINDER; MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
In the absence of Treasurer Jill Beudo, D. LaJoye reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. She indicated that she and Jill are working with Michelle to make the report more comprehensive. She noted the report included a proposed 2019 budget that has staff wage increases. The increase in staff wage would
amount to about $18,000 increase in expenses. G. Corkin noted the board will review staff increase as it looks at the budget. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY J. DOUCETTE, SUPPORTED BY C. REITER; MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Dotty LaJoye reported on the trainings coming up; the planning and zoning trainings to be held in Escanaba and Marquette are full; however, there are opening for the zoning board of appeals training in Escanaba and Marquette. A draft audit should be available next week; board members indicated to have the report sent by USPS mail. The RPI application is due to the state by October 15, prior years the deadline was December 1. We will be applying for the additional $70,000 for the Integrated Asset Management funds; communities need to record their infrastructure to be able to undertake better infrastructure planning. Dotty has been working with an insurance agent regarding liability insurance; she reached out to Jeff Hagen and he recommended an agent who has been very helpful, who has worked with other regions. We are getting quotes for General Liability & Equipment Converge, Directors and Officers with an employee Dishonesty coverage and Employment Practices Liability. Gerry mentioned the agent should come before the board. Dave Rivard expressed the need to look at contents insurance to make sure the county board, Michigan Works and CUPPAD are insuring the same items. MCACA was here yesterday for the MCACA art minigrant review committee meeting; MCACA staff reviewed with the panelist the objectives of the art minigrant and the regranting process. Dotty reported on the Art Place grant and working with the agency on justifying the direction we took. As the grant was written, the UP Art Alliance was to develop a “cultural plan” to drive the process; no cultural plan was developed, and we need to justify what we are doing. Art Place was aware of the activities being undertaken. CUPPAD needs to respond to their request as to what it will take to develop a cultural plan. The grant had $30,000 set aside for the cultural plan; Arts Midwest as a consultant was brought in to work with the UP Arts Alliance to organize and set it up. The consultant received $30,000 for efforts to establish the Alliance. Discussion of whether there was a contract with the consultant for the cultural plan. Board members discussed the need to resolve the issue and problem. Peter Van Steen reviewed the need to update local county Hazard Mitigation Plans and that CUPPAD will be the applicant for grant funds instead of Delta County as was done in the past. CUPPAD would work with Alger, Delta, Menominee and Schoolcraft counties in updating their local plans. **MOTION BY D. RIVARD, SUPPORTED BY C. REITER TO PROCEED WITH SUBMITTING A NOTICE TO INTENT TO UPDATE LOCAL COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS; MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
Discussion on liability insurance was covered in Director’s Report.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**
Discussion of employee compensation adjustments was covered in Director’s Report.

8. **REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE (RPI)**
Discussion on RPI was covered in Director’s Report

9. **FEDERAL REVIEWS**
None

10. **NEXT MEETING**
    September 27, at 2:00 pm Escanaba Offices
11. ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Alger (Jerry)- Jerry expressed thanks to Ben for his assistance with assessing issues to the townships, especially AuTrain. The county is working with the DNR regarding storm damage to boat launch/boat ramp at Munising Bay.

Delta (Dave)- The jail is nearing completion, the county dedicated 1400 acres as a county forest, the county is looking at county-owned property throughout the county and using some for timber harvesting, a new park/campground will be developed at Rapid River Park, a new Starbucks and Aspen Dental are being constructed in Escanaba, the county would like to see greater usage of the DNR pocket park at the fairgrounds and new chamber and veterans building will be constructed at the fairgrounds.

Dickinson (Ray)- A new hanger for FedEx is at the Dickinson county airport, the US2/141 junction project is underway, the county fair is next week and working with the Menominee River state park, Michigan Electrical Association will be meeting in Harris soon and Kingsford's new wastewater treatment plant will be completed soon.

Schoolcraft (Craig)- New Jail construction and road patrol millage will be on the November ballot, majority of EDC members resigned and need to reorganize the EDC, discussion on EDC issue.

Schoolcraft (Mike)- There was the unveiling a Power of Words mural and local group is working on an Our Town grant.

Menominee (Joe)- the mines are in limbo and discussed Pinecrest issue.

Marquette (Gerry)- the county is financially assisting city of Escanaba with Dark Store tax issue, millions of dollars in the county for construction activities, problem for businesses to get employees and new carpenters and millwrights training facility building being constructed in Negaunee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. by Chairman Corkin.

Minutes prepared by Peter Van Steen