CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2018
387 Restaurant
11:00 am EST
400 Cedar Street
Munising, MI 49862

PRESENT
J. Doucette, Alger County
G. Corkin, Marquette County
J. Linder, Menominee County
J. Beaudo, Hannahville Indian Community

ABSENT/EXCUSED
D. Rivard, Delta County
R. Anderson, Dickinson County
C. Reiter, Schoolcraft County
S. Aldrich, Schoolcraft County

OTHERS PRESENT
Dotty LaJoye, CUPPAD Executive Director
Peter Van Steen, CUPPAD staff

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Chairperson Gerald Corkin; roll call was taken and it was noted a quorum was not present. The Committee actions would be as a recommendation until the next meeting or until a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA MADE BY J. DOUCETTE, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO; MOTION CARRIED.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
MOTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 25, 2018 MINUTES MADE BY J. DOUCETTE, SECONDED BY J. BEAUDO; MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
The Treasurer’s Report was presented to the Executive Committee. Treasurer J. Beaudo noted the GIS supplies were over spent and would like to see a corresponding revenue side of the budget not just the expense side. There is the need to have more local contracts. The report shows RPI expenditures for 2017 but none for 2018. There is a plan to spend the 2017 RPI dollars; the state has allowed CUPPAD to designate/rededicate the unused 2017 funds for other projects; we were not able to spend the dollars as planned on certain projects. Overall the budget is in line with expenditures. MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED MADE BY J. BEAUDO, SECONDED BY J. DOUCETTE; MOTION CARRIED.
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Dotty reported she met February 16 with A. Barr, V. Schwab, K. Reynolds and P. Warstler to discuss the ArtPlace grant, Mia Tavonatti will be working with some communities with a mural and other communities will utilize the grant in a different direction. Dotty reported that Emilie Schada submitted her resignation; she was primarily administering the MCACA regional regranting mini-grant program, ArtPlace grant and the RPI Placemaking Prosperous Places mini-grant program. Dotty has someone in mind to fill the position full-time that would do office work and be responsible for Facebook and updating the website and working on the art mini-grant and PlaceMaking mini-grant programs. She has a background in environmental. Gerry mentioned the thought from Jill that we need to improve revenue. With a full-time employee Dotty would have more time to take on more planning projects. Ryan Soucy has a new format, SLIM” for master plans that meet the state enabling act and requirements of the MEDC RRC program; it is oriented driven process. He is working with city of Menominee on master plan, City of Negaunee with CIP, city of Manistique, meeting with City of Norway and City of Iron Mountain and will be coming to Alger County to discuss the county master plan. Gerry mentioned that before a new position is created, we need to take a close look at the revenue side. Jill mentioned the previous reports that were presented at the Executive Committee meetings showing current and pending projects; a similar report will be presented at future meetings. Gerry mentioned the total cost of the position needs to be looked at. The Governing Board roster list was reviewed; there are vacancies from Alger and Schoolcraft Counties on the Commission. Dotty, Ryan Soucy, and Amy Clickner are meeting March 28 with Lee Shirey, EDA representative, in Menominee to discuss Lake Superior Partnership project “Triple Threat” and how CUPPAD can work together on the application. Gerry was wondering what the end result would be.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
6A The list of possible auditors will be presented at the next meeting.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**
7A RPI Update: The RPI Council met February 8, 2018 to approve the 2018 meeting schedule, approve revised bylaws, recommend the appointment and replacement of members, recommend reallocation of RPI funds. **MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF MEMBERS AS PRESENTED AND THE ALLOCATING OF 2017 RPI FUNDS FOR NMU CTE SUMMER SKILLS CAMP- $5,000, MSU EDIBLE EDUCATION- $4,000, CUPPAD BROWNFIELD INVENTORY-$5,000, LSCP U.P. ENERGY SUMMIT-$5,000, AND UPPERTUNITIES TOURISM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE-$8,886 MADE BY G. CORKIN, SECONDED BY J. DOUCETTE; MOTION CARRIED.**

7B Letter of Support for the re-opening of the Empire Mine. Gerry felt CUPPAD needs to be supportive of the re-opening of the mine. **MOTION TO RECOMMEND SENDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT OF THE RE-OPENING OF THE EMPIRE MINE MADE BY J. DOUCETTE, SECONDED BY J. BEAUDO; MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **FEDERAL REVIEWS**
None

9. **NEXT MEETING**
The next Executive Committee will be March 22, 2018, 2:00 PM Escanaba

10. **ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
Jerry Doucette: The Cox Building has been torn down and fire hall next. The county is doing well, the sheriff’s department has a contract to house Luce County prisoners and takes the overflow from Schoolcraft County.

Jill Beudo: The wastewater treatment plant project is wrapping up, renovations have been made to youth center and 2% grant applications due end of March.

Joe Linder: The county has not hired an administrator.

Mark Slown mentioned the work being done with the MEDC in having downtown Ishpeming placed national register of historic Places and the work by Pat Moyle on the Anderson Building in bringing downtown back one step at a time.

Gerry Corkin: Superior Extrusion is expanding at KI, Meijer is opening in the Spring and the hospital construction is proceeding.

11. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m. by Chairperson Gerry Corkin.

Meeting minutes prepared by P. Van Steen