March 21, 2019
2:00 p.m. EST

CUPPAD office
2950 College Ave
Escanaba, MI 49829

PRESENT
Rod DesJardins, Alger County
Tony Edlebeck, Dickinson County
Gerry Corkin, Marquette County
Joe Linder, Menominee County
Jill Beaudo, Hannahville Indian Community

ABSENT
Jerry Doucette, Alger County (excused)
Dave Rivard, Delta County (excused)
Craig Reiter, Schoolcraft County (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT
Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director, CUPPAD
Michelle Viau, CPA, CFO, Michigan Works
Peter Van Steen, Transportation Planner, CUPPAD

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson G. Corkin; a roll call was taken with a quorum present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY R. DESJARDINS, SUPPORTED BY T. EDLEBECK; MOTION CARRIED.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2019 WAS MADE BY J. LINDER, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO; MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT
Michelle Viau was present at the meeting to discuss the financial report. It was noted that financial reports indicate there is more spending in the general operating fund. There was a discussion on upfront expenses for projects, and a review of GIS contract financial information. Discussion on ArtPlace project with Delta county funds committed but not spent and Marquette county funds committed but not spent. To date, 87% of LUG have paid dues to CUPPAD. MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY J. BEAUDO, SUPPORTED BY R. DESJARDINS; MOTION CARRIED.

There was a discussion on Menominee County’s selection for Art Place projects. Joe Linder expressed his indication in resigning from the Executive Committee/CUPPAD Commission.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.A **Executive Director Review:** G. Corkin stated 5 Executive Committee members had completed a review of Dotty LaJoye's job performance. Dotty has been Executive Director for 2 ½ years. G. Corkin read comments made by individual Executive Committee members. There were 16 goods; people felt comfortable with Dotty's work. It was mentioned that Dotty should also conduct evaluations of the employees.

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

D. LaJoye provided an update on activities. RPI is not included in the Governor’s proposed budget; there are several initiatives going around to get RPI back. EDOs and stakeholders submitting a letter of support to legislators. MAR would like to negotiate a new RPI program. CUPPAD is gathering letters of support and description of projects to provide to the governor and the legislators. Dotty will be attending an ArtPlace Summit in Jackson MS ion May 20-22 to thank the group for the support and explain the project. The $50,000 MSHDA Neighborhood Enhancement Grant for city of Negaunee was approved; the project will partner with Marquette County housing program. CUPPAD will assist with administering the grant. CUPPAD has $15,000 from Michigan Energy Office to work with neighboring regions in developing policy language dealing with sustainable energy generation systems. And energy reduction strategies. These funds can also be used to assist homeowners in the City of Negaunee that participate in the MSHDA grant. The audit was due but has not arrived as of yet.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.A **MCACA Round 2 Projects:** Dotty presented the MCACA applications for Round 2; Six application received for Art organization grants and three applications received for Professional Organizational development. **MOTION BY T. EDEBECK, SUPPORTED BY R. DESJARDINS TO APPROVE Manistique Area Kiwanis $3,000, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve $4,000, UPWARD $4,000 FOR ART ORGANIZATION GRANTS AND SUPERIOR ARTS YOUTH THEATER $1,225 FOR PODS GRANT; MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE**

There was a discussion on the RPI previously.

9. **FEDERAL REVIEW**

No federal reviews reported.

10. **NEXT MEETING AND PLACE**

The next Executive Committee meeting will be April 26 at Escanaba.

11. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Joe Linder mentioned/discussed Menominee County membership with CUPPAD. Rod DesJardins mentioned the City of Munising’s FLAP grant will be delayed due to the government shutdown.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:00 P.M.

*Minutes prepared by Peter Van Steen*