CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2020
2:00 p.m. EST

CUPPAD office
2950 College Ave
Escanaba, MI 49829

PRESENT
J. Doucette, Alger County
R. Desjardins, Alger County
D. Rivard, Delta County
T. Edlebeck, Dickinson County
G. Corkin, Marquette County
J. Beaudo, Hannahville Indian Community

ABSENT
P. Kleiman, Menominee County
C. Reiter, Schoolcraft County

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

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m. by Chairperson G. Corkin. The Chair noted that P. Kleiman and C. Reiter were not in attendance, but a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY J. DOUCETTE, SUPPORTED BY R. DESJARDINS; MOTION CARRIED.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 21, 2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WAS MADE BY T. EDLEBECK, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO; MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Jill Beaudo reviewed the Treasurer’ Report asking for additional information relating to bank deposits of 12/30 and 12/5. Discussion on the FY 2020 Budget and the unsigned $20,000 contract; Dotty indicated CUPPAD will be contracting with UPCAP for a Non-Emergency Medical Transport study. The budget reflects the layoffs made of 2 positions: Richard Smith and Steve Lenaker effective January 3. Contractual has been increased to $110,825 reflecting contracts with MI Works, Callie New, Rebecca Bolen working on the Ishpeming Master Plan and Emily Bosch. The $737,680 budget reflects increases in contractual expenses. Jill questioned being over budgeted in the general fund. MOTION TO ACCEPT
THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE BY J. BEAUDO, SUPPORTED BY R. DESJARDINS; MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   No Unfinished Business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT
D. LaJoye reported that Richard Smith and Steve Lenaker were laid off. RPI is going away. CUPPAD reapplied to EDA for partnership planning grant to fund the development of the CEDS and other economic development activities. CUPPAD recently had an evaluation/peer review with EDA; EDA would like CUPPAD to apply for more EDA funding; G Corkin indicated CUPPAD will submit one EDA grant per year; a suggestion at the evaluation was to develop an annual work plan. Discussion on work as being reassigned due to the layoffs; Dotty will be picking up work from Richard Smith and Ben and Rawan will be picking up Steve’s work. The annual audit is underway. Staff is working on recreation plans for Menominee city, Burt township and Munising city (possible), zoning ordinance update for Munising city (CUPPAD may contract out work since they might want form base zoning), and Gladstone GIS.

NEW BUSINESS
a. The 2020 CEDS has been prepared. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2020 CEDS PROGRESS REPORT WAS BY J. DOUCETTE, SUPPORTED BY D. RIVARD (ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN ALL AYES EXCEPT KLEIMAN AND REITER ABSENT); MOTION CARRIED.

b. The EDA Partnership Planning grant was submitted. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION, COMMIT LOCAL SHARE OF $90,000 AND AUTHORIZE GERALD CORKIN TO SIGN APPLICATION AND GRANT AWARD WAS MADE BY T. EDLEBECK, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO RIVARD (ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN ALL AYES EXCEPT KLEIMAN AND REITER ABSENT); MOTION CARRIED.

REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE (RPI)
Four RPI projects have remaining funds and will continue until funds run out or projects completed. UP North Trails has remaining funds and project is considered complete. MOTION TO TRANSFER THE REMAINING BALANCE OF $2,848 IN THE UP-NORTH TRAILS TO RPI ADMINISTRATION WAS MADE BY R. DESJARDINS, SUPPORTED BY D. RIVARD; MOTION CARRIED.

FEDERAL REVIEWS
   MOTION TO SUPPORT CITY OF MANISTIQUE HIGHWAY US 2 EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT WAS MADE BY J. DOUCETTE, SUPPORTED BY T. EDLEBECK; MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING AND PLACE
The next Executive Committee meeting will be February 28, 2020, Escanaba at 12:00 PM Est. in conjunction with the Quarterly Regional Commission meeting.

ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Marquette County: rejected proposal for second amendment sanctuary; launch initiative site decision has been postponed.
Hannahville Indian Community: 2% grant program opens the first of February, aquaponics facility at Hannahville producing lettuce for sale at the gas station; casino expansion.
Dickinson County: county approved brownfield plan and land bank.
Munising City: M-28 corridor reconstruction out for bids.
Alger County: Forest Lake Road will be reconstructed this summer.
Delta County: former jail property was sold, developer asking for delay in new motels in the city, new motel coming at former Super One site. New county administrator (Emily DeSalvo), 2nd amendment group will be at county board meeting next week.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:42 P.M.

Minutes prepared by P. Van Steen