CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2018
1:00 P.M.
Munising, MI

PRESENT
J. Doucette, Alger County
E. Mattson, Alger County
K. Reynolds, Alger County (alternate for Rod DesJardins)
D. Rushford, Alger County
G. Johnson, Delta County
G. Corkin, Marquette County

M. Slown, Marquette County
D. Parrett, Menominee County
J. Linder, Menominee County
O. Doran, Schoolcraft County
J. Beudo, Hannahville Indian Community

MEMBERS ABSENT
L. Howard, Alger County
D. Rivard, Delta County
B. Herioux, Delta County
T. Nelson, Delta County
R. Baron, Delta County
R. Anderson, Dickinson County
D. Olson, Dickinson County
B. Struck, Marquette County

A. Feldhauser, Marquette County
T. Karlstrom, Marquette County
W. Carlson, Marquette County
C. Welch, Menominee County
C. Reiter, Schoolcraft County
A. Ott, Schoolcraft County
S. Aldrich, Schoolcraft County

GUESTS PRESENT
John Madigan, Pictured Rocks Cruises
Cori Gerou-Cearly, Munising Visitor Bureau

STAFF PRESENT
Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director
Peter Van Steen, Transportation Planner

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m. by G. Corkin. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was not present. The actions taken would be as a recommendation until the next meeting or until a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY M. SLOWN, SUPPORTED BY J. LINDER CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2017 MINUTES WAS MADE BY M. SLOWN, SUPPORTED BY J. DOUCETTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
None

TREASURER’S REPORT
Treasurer Beudo reported on the extension of unused RPI funds to be used in 2018, spending is in line with the fiscal year, we are getting a better handle on revenue, the cash balance is fine with the deposit of the arts grant and RPI funds in place. A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE J.LINDER, SUPPORTED BY D. RUSHFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
G. Corkin reported the Executive Committee is sending a letter of support regarding the re-opening of the Empire Mine. G. Corkin listed the RPI projects using unused 2017 funds and the members to the RPI Council. **A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE RPI COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENTED AND THE RPI PROJECTS USING 2017 RPI FUNDING WAS MADE G. CORKIN, SUPPORTED BY D. RUSHFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
D. LaJoye reported the GIS parcel layer project in Alger County has been completed. Staff is working with Schoolcraft County on a similar parcel project. D. LaJoye met with the partners of the Art Place grant to discuss the $460,000 funded project; the project is moving forward. An artist will complete murals in several communities and other communities will be deciding on specific projects. P. Van Steen has completed administration of the Escanaba CDBG Façade project and will be starting work with Negaunee CDBG Façade project and completed CDBG funded building renovation project in Menominee. R. Soucy is working with communities on master plans utilizing a new format, “SLIM”, which is community driven and meets the requirements of the state planning enabling act and MEDC RRC requirements. Staff is submitting recreation plans with communities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Budget FY2018 was not adopted due to lack of a quorum. The current budget is 1/3 of the way through and we need to keep track of revenue and local projects. There is the need to generate revenue.

NEW BUSINESS
D. LaJoye provided a recap of the 2018 funded RPI projects:
- UP State Fairgrounds Economic Impact Study- $10,000
- Prosperous Places Mini-Grant Program- $54,000
- Support for Economic Development Organizations- $80,600
- UP Health Strategies- $12,500
- Regional 911 GIS Updates- $16,000
- UP North Trails- $14,000
- Broadband Asset mapping- $7,000
- RPI Administration- $77,246

PROGRAM SPEAKERS
- Kathy Reynolds, Alger County Chamber of Commerce/Munising Partnership/Munising Downtown Development Authority and John Madigan, Pictured Rocks Tours talked of the partnership within and outside of Alger County in promoting tourism in Alger County and throughout the Upper Peninsula.

NEXT MEETING DATE
The next CUPPAD Commission meeting will be April 27, 2018 in Schoolcraft County.

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m. A tour was taken of the Pictured Rocks Interpretive Center.

Meeting minutes prepared by P. Van Steen