

**CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Meeting Minutes**

June 24, 2021  
2:00 p.m. ET

CUPPAD Office, 2950 College Ave., Escanaba MI  
Conference call option

PRESENT

G. Corkin, Marquette County (on phone)  
J. Beaudou, Hannahville Indian Community (in person)  
John Malnar, Delta County (in person)  
Alan Kilar, Schoolcraft County (video)

ABSENT

Eric Buckman, City of Gladstone  
J. Doucette, Alger County  
P. Kleiman, Menominee County Townships  
Ray Anderson, City of Norway

OTHERS PRESENT

Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director, CUPPAD, Michelle Viau, CFO Michigan Works

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chairperson G. Corkin. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was not present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

G. Corkin called for any changes or additions to the agenda. Hearing none **G. CORKIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO, MOTION CARRIED.**

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

G. Corkin called for any changes or edits to the minutes. Hearing none, **G. CORKIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 27TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO, MOTION CARRIED**

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Beaudou discussed the grant balances and that right now we don't know which projects will be extended and which one will be complete before the end of the year. Those that are not complete will be extended into the FY22 budget. We recognize that we are only about 50% expended so it's pretty clear that we will not be fully spent by the end of this fiscal year. Once we understand what we can actually bring in this year and what will get pushed out to FY22 we will be able to develop a more accurate FY22 budget. Until then, there is really no point in going over the draft budget for FY 22 There is \$6,000 in fund balance usage and currently we have about \$148,000 in our fund balance. **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS MADE BY G. CORKIN, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO; MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Another new employee will be joining CUPPAD on July 6<sup>th</sup>. His name is also Ryan and he has accepted the Planning Assistant position. He and his wife are closing on a house in Escanaba this week and moving next week. Julia Cogger and her family are also moving to the UP next week. They have a rental in Marquette but plan to purchase property in Alger County and build another house. Ryan Soucy is back from the Mayo Clinic. Nothing conclusive has been determined yet. The doctors are still waiting for many of the test results.

CUPPAD will be fully staffed, and Julia and Ryan Carrig will have to get up to speed pretty fast. We are receiving a lot of requests for master plans which are typically rather large projects that require extensive staff time to develop. I have been putting off getting the contracts signed because once they are signed the planning commission will want attendance at most of their Planning Commission meetings with plan updates on a regular basis.

AEG and Highline were in Marquette last week. Ryan Soucy set them up at the conference center at Northern and invited various groups to meet with them throughout the day such as economic development organizations, local units of government, ISD's, municipal power companies and UPPCO. They plan to start laying 6,000 miles of fiber optic cable across the UP starting in Delta County on July 5<sup>th</sup>. They have a need for at least 100 employees, some with very specific skills and others that can be trained. I put them in touch with Holly Peoples, Business Services Manager of Michigan Works.

Our work programs are looking more achievable with the additional staff and most meetings being conducted in person. CUPPAD is looking forward to a very productive summer and fall as we get caught up on previous projects and get the contracts signed and begin on new ones.

**MOTION TO FILE THE DIRECTORS REPORT AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY G. CORKIN, SUPPORTED BY J. MALNAR, MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Draft Budget

The draft budget is not ready at this time. We will review when we get closer to October.

7.2 Draft CEDS – The CEDS is available in draft format. The CEDS committee met today. They reviewed the draft plan and provided some very good information for inclusion in the plan and approved it's release for public review. Having a CEDS in an approved draft format will allow CUPPAD to be eligible to submit for EDA Grants. **G. CORKIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE DRAFT CEDS WITH ADDITIONS FROM THE CEDS COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND SUBMIT TO THE DRAFT CEDS TO THE EDA, MOTION SECONDED BY J. MALNAR, MOTIONS CARRIED.**

NEXT MEETING AND PLACE,

Quarterly Commission Meeting to be held in the Delta County Boardroom on Friday, July 23, 2021 at 12:30 PM.

We will serve a lunch for the first time since the pandemic so we will change the start time of the meeting to 12:00 PM so folks have time to grab a plate.

ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by D. LaJoye