

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

August 25, 2021
Escanaba MI
2:00 p.m. ET

CUPPAD Office, 2950 College Ave.,
Conference call option

PRESENT

G. Corkin, Marquette County (on phone)
J. Beaudou, Hannahville Indian Community (in person)
John Malnar, Delta County (on phone)
Alan Kilar, Schoolcraft County (video)
J. Doucette, Alger County (in person)
Ray Anderson, City of Norway
Peter Kleiman, Menominee County Townships (in person)

ABSENT

Eric Buckman, City of Gladstone

OTHERS PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson G. Corkin. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was 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 P. KLEIMAN, 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 JULY 23,2021, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SUPPORTED BY J. BEAUDO, MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Beaudou stated that since billing and project updates last month we are now looking at a contribution to the fund balance of about \$26,000. Michelle, Dotty and I just went over some of the projects and discussed the percentage of completion compared to the year end and it looks like we are going to end the year in pretty good shape.

J. BEAUDO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE TREASURES REPORT, SUPPORTED BY J. DOUCETTE, MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

CUPPAD successfully supported the Village of Carney through our assistance with a Category A grant for North Guard Street. According to Alex Nikoloff of MDOT, he gets the final say about which applications get funded, and he will be recommending the one for North Guard Street in the Village of Carney. The news release will come out in about three weeks. The Village is concerned about the final numbers. The budget increased by \$100,000 when the Menominee County Road Commission revisited the project to include ditching and grading. That increase brought the Village's required 20% match to over \$90,000 for a total project cost of \$464,500. The good news is that they are getting an all-season road, saving 52 existing jobs and supporting the future expansion of the Performance Lumber Co. to include an additional 108 jobs over the next three years.

During last month's meeting, when I was discussing the variety of EDA grants available due to the 3 billion in supplemental funding that the EDA was allocated under the American Rescue Plan, Gerry asked how much of those funds will be available to our region. The closest I could get to that is 116 million, which was announced in the EDA quarterly meeting as EDA funds available to the Chicago Regional Office, including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. That sounds a little low to me. However, the six new NOFA's the EDA recently announced are nationwide and not distributed by EDA regions.

Lastly, CUPPAD and most other regions across the State will be hosting an ARPA Local Government Funding Workshop on October 6th. The presenters are from Michigan State University. The workshop will pretty much be in our usual format: in-person, telephone conference, and video conference. That may not be ideal for a workshop-style format, but Brad Neumann said he is willing to deploy the technology needed to make it work. You will hear more about this soon.

Previous confusion over the Schoolcraft County project has been resolved, and both parties are satisfied. Confusion resulted from two separate contracts we had with them that had similar amounts and were billed to them quarterly. One contract was for developing a digital parcel layer and we allowed them to make quarterly payments over three years to afford the \$90,000 project. The other contract was executed by Ben DuBois shortly before he left CUPPAD, which was a very similar payment amount, also billed quarterly. The most recent contract was for 911 updates, and the Sheriff's Office was going to pay for that contract. When the new contract went into effect, Schoolcraft County seated a new Sheriff and hired a new person to handle building codes, zoning, and updating their 911 addresses. The new person believed CUPPAD should be assigning address points, but that was not what CUPPAD was contracted to do, and we had no previous experience doing that for Schoolcraft County. He became frustrated with us because he didn't know how to do it either. We decided the best approach is to learn how to assign addresses to 911 points for Schoolcraft County. CUPPAD staff was very proactive in learning the process and putting together a presentation that described what we now know and how we are working with the State to improve the reliability of the County's 911 addressing system. Since that time Schoolcraft County has made payments as they now have a better understanding of what they are paying for.

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

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Draft Budget

The draft budget is not ready currently. G. Corkin reminded the Executive Committee about the importance of having a quorum next month as we will be adopting the new budget for FY22

NEXT MEETING AND PLACE,

Executive Committee Meeting to be held in the Delta County Boardroom on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 2:00 PM. ET.

ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by D. LaJoye