

CUPPAD REGIONAL COMMISSION
Quarterly Meeting
Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2022,

Join in person at the Delta County Boardroom
2950 College Avenue, Escanaba, MI
Or
Call-in: (267) 930-4000
Participant's Code: 984-920-434

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerald Corkin, Marquette County*
Jerry Doucette, Alger County*
Jill Beaudou, Hannahville Indian Community
Allan Killar, Schoolcraft County
Dan Stoltman, Dickinson County Cities*
Gregg Johnson, Delta County, Townships
John Malnar, Delta County*
Peter Kleiman, Menominee County
Townships*
Kathy Reynolds, Alger County
Theresa Nelson, Delta County
Thyra Karlstrom, Marquette County Planning
Craig Cugini, Marquette County Cities
Steven T. Gromala, Menominee County
Kathy Vermaat, Marquette County Planning
Denny Olson, Dickinson County, Townships
Mike Perilloux, City of Manistique

MEMBERS ABSENT

Esley Mattson, Alger County
Eric Buckman, Delta County Cities*
Nate Heffron, Marquette County Cities
Pam Johnson, Alger County
Michelle Doucette, Alger County Townships
Dan Rushford, Alger County village
Eric Janofski, Carney Village
Kristin Thornton, Marquette County
Townships
Thyra Karlstrom, Maquette County Planning

John Denholm, Delta County
Dale Parret, City of Stephenson
Jacob Allison, Garden Village

* Denotes Executive Committee Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director, CUPPAD
Michelle Viau, CFO Michigan Works
Brad Austin, Director of Operations, Marquette County Solis Waste Management Authority

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Gerald Corkin. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. Roll call was taken, a quorum was present.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR JULY 22, 2022, WAS MADE BY P. KLEIMAN, SUPPORTED BY D. OLSON; MOTION CARRIED.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL QUARTERLY MEETING ON APRIL 22, 2022 WITH CHANGES TO INCLUDE KRISTIN THORNTON AS PRESENT AT THE APRIL 22, 2022 MEETING MADE BY J. MALNAR, SECONDED BY P. KLEIMAN; MOTION CARRIED.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Beaudou asked about the progress on several projects that are budgeted to be further along than the expenditures are showing. She expressed concern about staff being able to complete the work as originally budgeted as there are only a few more months in the fiscal year. D. LaJoye explained that not all projects follow the same path to completion. CDBG projects for example require a lot of staff time early in the project and very little toward the end. J. Beaudou explained that ideally expenditures match revenues. G. Corkin reminded everyone about the importance of staying on track with the budget because CUPPAD does not have a large fund balance. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT WAS MADE BY J. BEAUDO, SUPPORTED BY P. KLEIMAN; MOTION CARRIED.**

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

EDA

CUPPAD will be preparing a new EDA Partnership Planning Grant due in January. EDA Partnership Planning Grants are \$210,000 over three years or about \$70,000 annually. The grant requires a 25% match, and we use many of our membership dues as the matching funds. The EDA provides these Planning Grants to EDD's for developing, maintaining, and implementing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and related short-term planning.

EDA regulations also require EDA to evaluate Economic Development District Organizations at least once every three years with at least one peer EDD reviewer. Last year the Chicago Regional Office launched a new format for peer evaluations whereby both EDDs are evaluated during one meeting. The intention is to get more back-and-forth dialogue among the peer organizations. CUPPAD will have its peer review sometime in the 4th quarter.

County Engagement Materials Management Grants

We are still waiting for a designation letter from Delta County before opening the grant and applying. We have until August 15, but the sooner we get going, the more staff time we can justify spending. In the meantime, we have put together a GIS with the materials management facilities and their haulers so we can start to make a spatial analysis of what is currently available. All three Regions in the UP may want to be included in this GIS and then we can start to zero in on validating the information we have gathered and the identified gaps.

Renewable Energy Education

Staff has been participating in the Renewable Energy Academy series being put on by MSU Extension, MAP and EGLE. These are about 4 webinar sessions a month for the next up to the first week in September. You can work with Brad Neuman and Dr. Sarah Mills, Senior Project Manager with the University of Michigan, specializing in successfully siting renewable energy in Michigan. We also received a presentation from Circle Power Renewables about the Groveland Mine site near Felch in Dickinson County, where there are 5,000 acres now owned by the DNR and soon to be a solar array site. We have also talked with EGLE Office of Climate and Energy about potential funding for master plans and zoning ordinances that address renewable energy systems and the siting of those systems and other programs that reduce energy consumption.

Election Year for CUPPAD

- Counties get 1 County Board member, 1 Planning Commission member, and 2 members at large. If you have a village or villages, you get only 1 member at large.
- Township Associations should discuss who they want as a township representative for their county.
- Villages within each township should also come together to decide who among them will represent villages in their county. I would like to know the slate of commissioner by January and voting takes place in February.

E. PRESENTATION

Brad Austin, Director of Operations for the Maquette County Solid Waste Authority and 906 Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) presented on how the MRF works, the types of materials recovered and how the material is developed into a new products and the economic benefits for communities and industries when there is strong support for recycling and material recovery systems.

H. NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting – September 22, 2022, at 2:00 pm with a call-in option

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Minutes provided by Dotty LaJoye