

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

April 26, 2024  
11:30 a.m. EDT

CUPPAD Office  
2950 College Ave, Escanaba

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**PRESENT**

Thyra Karlstrom, Marquette County  
Kelly Livermore, Alger County  
Peter Kleiman, Menominee County Townships  
Jill Beaudou, Hannahville Indian Community  
Mike Perilloux, Schoolcraft County  
Kathy Vermaat, Marquette County

**ABSENT**

John Malnar, Delta County  
Denny Olson, Breitung Township

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director, CUPPAD  
Rachel Johns, Administrative Assistant, CUPPAD  
Zak Aubert, Menominee County Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 pm by T. Karlstrom. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**P. KLEIMAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SUPPORTED BY K. LIVERMORE; MOTION PASSES.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Z. Aubert complimented the lunch being served.

## ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

**K. VERMAAT REQUESTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE MARCH 28, 2024, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEM 6.1 “CUPPAD BYLAWS” SHOULD INCLUDE THE LANGUAGE “ONLY ONE” AND READS AS FOLLOWS:**

- **Page 5, Section 2D** – After reviewing bylaws of other Michigan planning organizations, it was noted that **only one** organization provides extensive detail regarding the treasurer’s responsibilities, while none of them outline the procedure for fund.

**M. PERILLOUX MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MARCH 28, 2024, MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED, SUPPORTED BY P. KLEIMAN; MOTION PASSES.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 6.1 CUPPAD Bylaws

The Executive Committee extensively deliberated on the necessity of legal review of the bylaws revisions by Attorney Wendy Marcotte. Consensus was reached that a prioritized list should be provided to Ms. Marcotte, along with a request for an estimate regarding the required hours, associated costs, and the feasibility of delivering the first draft by June. The Executive Committee allocated a \$4,000 budget for legal services and authorized Dotty to utilize these funds if the estimate aligns with the predetermined parameters.

**P. KLEIMAN MOTIONED TO PERMIT DOTTY TO SEEK AN ESTIMATE FOR THE LEGAL REVIEW OF THE BYLAWS AND TO USE THE ALLOCATED BUDGET FOR THIS PURPOSE, SUPPORTED BY K. LIVERMORE; MOTION PASSES.**

## ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:52 am.

*Minutes prepared by Rachel Johns*