

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

May 22, 2025
2:00 p.m. EDT

CUPPAD Office
2950 College Ave, Escanaba
Zoom option

PRESENT

Thyra Karlstrom, Marquette County
Jill Beaudou, Hannahville Indian Community
Mike Perilloux, Schoolcraft County
John Malnar, Delta County
Peter Kleiman, Menominee County Townships
Christine Williams, Delta County
Kelly Livermore, Alger County

ABSENT

Denny Olson, Breitung Township

OTHERS PRESENT

Dotty LaJoye, Executive Director, CUPPAD
Rachel Johns, Administrative Assistant, CUPPAD

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by T. Karlstrom. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

P. KLEIMAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SUPPORTED BY J. MALNAR; MOTION PASSES.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

J. BEAUDO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2025, SUPPORTED BY M. PERRILOUX; MOTION PASSES.

P. KLEIMAN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE QUARTERLY REGION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 25, 2025, SUPPORTED BY C. WILLIAMS; MOTION PASSES.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

Jill discussed the percentage completed on the grant balances report and wondered if the Executive Director's adjustments in the % Complete column represent the percentage

complete for the Current Fiscal Year column on the grant balances report. Jill provided an explanation to new member Christine Williams about how to read the grant balances report. On the budget sheet, she explained revenues and expenditures and the need to see an increase in the budget so we can add at least something to the fund balance and not take from it, as we don't have a large fund balance to begin with.

MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT MADE BY C. WILLIAMS, SUPPORTED BY K. LIVERMORE; MOTION PASSES.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Dotty LaJoye reported that CUPPAD will be facilitating a transit study to evaluate and make recommendations on transit funding and service efficiencies for the counties of Delta, Schoolcraft, and Menominee. The budget is \$200,000, with \$30,000 going to CUPPAD for administration. CUPPAD is eligible to apply for another round of funding from MSHDA for \$75,000 vs \$150,000 for the previous grant cycle. CUPPAD will be applying but will not have a co-lead for the new grant cycle. The DNR announced that regional recipients of Spark grants, such as CUPPAD, can use the funds for the development of 5-year recreation plans and DNR grant applications in communities they previously assisted with successful Spark Grant applications. This is good news, and we appreciate the flexibility given to these funds. Before this announcement, we were only eligible to draw \$11,824.00 out of a \$48,000 grant for the time and assistance Julia Cogger provided to qualified communities in the region.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT WAS MADE BY K. LIVERMORE; SUPPORTED BY C. WILLIAMS; MOTION PASSES.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Employee Termination:

The Committee was informed of Helen's termination due to working a second job while logging hours on the CUPPAD timesheet.

8.2 Auditors' Report:

Lauren with Gabridge & Company joined via Zoom. The audit was positive. D. LaJoye provided a chart showing the positive trend the Commission has been on for the past 5 years. Audit questions should be submitted to Dotty by June 18th. T. Karlstrom would like to see the trend in membership. The action will be taken next month.

8.3 MDOT Resolution:

A resolution of support for CUPPAD's administrative role in the development of the public transit study was read and passed by a roll-call vote.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Quarterly Regional Commission Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 12:30 P.M. Lunch served at noon.

ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

K. Livermore is now able to participate in her role as an Executive Committee member with CUPPAD. She will also serve on the Alger County Community Corrections board and was recently voted to the Alger County Road Commission as a fill-in position. The Sault Tribe

signed on as an additional partner with Alger County on the Marketplace development (housing and retail) in downtown Munising.

J. Malnar reported that Delta

M. Perilloux reported on an app that is valuable for receiving 911 services called “What Three Words”.

T. Karlstrom reported on the Housing Now meeting she had previously attended, which included a program called 100 Homes. She would like CUPPAD to host a presentation on the Little Trout Lake construction project in July.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:24 P.M.

**C. WILLIAMS MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SUPPORTED BY J. MALNAR;
MOTION PASSES.**

Minutes prepared by Dotty LaJoye