

**Eastern U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission
Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016
SmartZone; 2345 Meridian Street; Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**

Members Present

Mary Archambeau, Luce Co.
Kelly Freeman, Sault Ste. Marie
Don McLean, Chippewa Co.
Diane Patrick, Mackinac Co.
Gary Reid, Clark Twp.-Mack. Co.
John Waltman, Luce Co.

Eric Becks, LSSU
Jim Hill, Mackinac Co.
Jim Moore, Kinross Charter
Dean Reid, Mackinac Co. Private
Richard Timmer, Chip. Co. Private

Guests:

Tammy Henry Mark Vandoren

Staff:

Jeff Hagan Ellen Benoit Rebecca Bolen Nathan Coon
Nate Rapp Eric Wedesky Kim Wilcox Alicia Williams

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Dean Reid.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment addressed at this meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was noted that under New Business, Mark Vandoren will speak about brownfield redevelopment. D. McLean moved to approve the agenda with this addition and K. Freeman supported. This motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 27, 2016 Board Minutes

J. Moore moved to approve the July 27, 2016, meeting minutes as presented. E. Becks supported. Motion passed.

b. September 29, 2016 Executive Committee Minutes

R. Timmer moved to approved the September 29, 2016, Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented. E. Becks supported. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Hill moved to approve the consent agenda items which included the Financial Report, Program Updates, and the Director's Report. R. Timmer supported. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. EUP Pollution Storyboard Map Presentation

N. Rapp provided a presentation of the E.U.P. Pollution Storyboard map. This interactive map highlights the known point source and non-point source pollution sites within the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Information obtained from this user-friendly map was obtained from the DEQ and EPA. M. Vandoren mentioned that this map would be beneficial to developers and described the process of brownfield redevelopment. The EUP Pollution Storyboard Map is available on the Regional Planning website (<http://eup-planning.org>).

b. RPI 2017 Resolution Letter of Support

Director Hagan presented the Resolution for grant application to RPI 2017 funding. He noted that at the REDAC meeting held on October 14, projects were reviewed and prioritized for this application. A motion to adopt the resolution for application to the 2017 RPI funding was made by D. McLean and seconded by K. Freeman. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. Board Member Updates

R. Timmer indicated that due to recent legislation, the road commission is eligible to apply for funding for the establishment of wetland banking which would encourage economic development in the area. It is anticipated that the road commissions in the EUP will collaborate on this application as it would be beneficial to the entire region. He also requested that the commission consider providing a letter of support for this endeavor. D. McLean moved to support the road commission's efforts in the establishment of wetland banking. K. Freeman supported. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Hill provided an update of the hospital brownfield site in St. Ignace. He indicated that as Beacon Specialized Services has obtained the necessary permits and passed inspections, it can now occupy the site and proceed to Phase Two of development.

G. Reid commended the Regional Planning staff for their efforts in the many projects provided by the agency, including the M-134 byways.

d. Mark Vandoren

Following a brief introduction, Mark Vandoren provided a brief overview of the type of services he could offer in regards to brownfield redevelopment. He indicated that he could assist in the procurement of brownfield redevelopment grant funding and mitigation grants. He also mentioned that he could also be available for the proposed developers' forum.

OLD BUSINESS—Next Meeting Dates

- Executive Committee – Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
- Governing Board – Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.