

**Eastern U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 29, 2015**  
**12:00 PM, Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum, W11660 US-2, Naubinway, MI**

Members Present:

Don McLean, Chippewa Co.  
Dick Timmer, Chippewa Co.  
Jim Moore, Kinross Charter  
Twp. - Chippewa Co.

Dean Reid, Mack. Co. Private  
Diane Patrick, Mackinac Co.  
Gary Reid, Clark Twp. – Mack.  
Co.  
Michelle Walk, Chippewa Co.

Joe Dobrowolski – Chippewa Co.  
Private  
Kristen Claus, SSM EDC

Staff:

Jeff Hagan  
Ellen Benoit

Nathan Fazer  
Nathan Coon

Eric Wedesky

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Chairman McLean.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chairman McLean asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Director Hagan submitted request to add an item #c under New Businesses – CZM Website RFP. A motion was made to approve changes to the agenda by J. Moore and supported by K. Claus. It was unanimously approved.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Chairman McLean asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last meeting January 28, 2015 or the Executive Committee meeting of March 11, 2015. K. Claus noted that she was present at the last meeting, but not listed. D. Timmer made the motion to approve the minutes with the addition. K. Claus supported the motion. It was passed by a unanimous vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Moore made a motion to approve the consent agenda items which included the Staff Report Updates, Financial Report, and Director's Report as presented, supported by G. Reid. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

E. Wedesky made a presentation on the Community Economic Development Strategy/Regional Prosperity Plan that was recently completed and submitted to EDA as required. The following resolution was submitted for approval. D. Timmer made a motion to approve the 2015-2019 CEDS and EUP Regional Prosperity Plan and applicable resolution. M. Walk seconded the motion.

**RESOLUTION #2015**  
**CONCURRENCE WITH**  
**THE 2015-2019 REGIONAL PROSPERTIY INITIATIVE PLAN**  
**& THE REVISED 2015-2019**  
**COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)**

Whereas, *the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUPRPDC) has the function of developing and preparing both the 2015-2019 Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI) Plan and*

Revised Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Michigan counties of Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac; and

Whereas, EUPRPDC has developed an RPI Plan and Revised CEDS (presented together in one document titled, *Elevating the Eastern Upper Peninsula*) which reflects accomplishments from the past year; updates socio-economic data; outlines goals, strategies and actions derived from input given by the Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) and RPI Stakeholders Committee constituting an Economic Development Blueprint recommending ways to improve the economy of the region; and an updated Regional Projects List to reflect initiatives that will attract and retain jobs in the Economic Development District (EDD) comprised of Chippewa County, Luce County and Mackinac County; and

Whereas, the 2015-2019 RPI Plan and Revised CEDS replaces the 2010-2014 Revised CEDS, pursuant to Code of Federal Regulations 303.6(c)2—meeting requirements issued by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Michigan’s Department of Technology, Management and Budget; and

Whereas, the REDAC of the EDD concurred with the 2015-2019 RPI Plan and Revised CEDS, allowing eligible units of government in the Eastern Upper Peninsula continued participation in and eligibility for EDA grant and loan programs; and

Whereas, approval of the 2015-2019 RPI Plan and Revised CEDS by the EUPRPDC Governing Board is necessary for continued designation of the Eastern Upper Peninsula as an EDD by the EDA.

Therefore Be It Resolved: *The EUPRPDC Governing Board does hereby approve the 2015-2019 RPI Plan and CEDS at its regular meeting on April 29, 2015, as recommended by the Eastern Upper Peninsula REDAC and RPI Stakeholders Committee.*

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt the above resolution, at a meeting of the EUPRPDC Governing Board on April 29, 2015.

The resolution was passed with a unanimous vote.

E. Benoit explained the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Re-Granting Program, which the EUPRP&DC has been administering for the last 30 years. An annual application is required and is being prepared in the amount of \$8,250 with a match of \$8,250. The EUPRP&DC receives \$15,900 to re-grant out to local agencies for projects and \$3,000 for professional or organizational development. E. Benoit submitted the following Resolution for Board approval of the application.

**RESOLUTION**

**Be it resolved that,** the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the application to Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Regranting Services Program for administration of the EUP Regional Minigrant Regranting Program and Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Regranting Program for fiscal year 2016; and

**Be it further resolved that,** The Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission does hereby authorize its Executive Director, Jeff Hagan to sign all forms required to execute the contracts for the MCACA Minigrant and POD Program for fiscal year 2016.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Board on April 29, 2015.

A motion to approve the Resolution was made by J. Moore and seconded by K. Clause. A roll call vote was taken:

D. Mclean – Yes	D. Reid – Yes	D. Patrick – Yes	M. Walk - Yes	D. Timmer – Yes	G. Reid - Yes
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K. Claus – Yes	J. Moore – Yes	J. Drobowski - Yes			
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Director Hagan explained that EUPRP&DC was requesting bids for web-site development for the Regional Water Trail planning grant through CZM and would like to get a line item approval to contract with the chosen vendor. It is anticipated that it will cost between \$7,500-12,000 which was budgeted into the grant application. D. Timmer made a motion to approve the Executive Director a line item budget for web development not to exceed \$15,000. J. Moore supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

D. Mclean – Yes	D. Reid – Yes	D. Patrick – Yes	M. Walk - Yes	D. Timmer – Yes	G. Reid - Yes
K. Claus – Yes	J. Moore – Yes	J. Drobowski - Yes			

**OLD BUSINESS**

D. Reid announced that Graymont would be setting up a community fund over the next 5 years. Mackinac Economic Alliance has agreed to be the fiduciary of the money and will be applying for money through the EDA or USDA grant programs. D. Reid had some questions on the abandoned rail grades between SSM and Strongs and St. Ignace and Trout Lake which led to some discussion about ownership and usage.

D. Timmer talked about needing support for Proposal 1 regarding the Transportation funding.

A nature trail loop is being developed by Pendills Creek Fish Hatchery to go around property.

Farm Bureau Forestry meeting will be held next week to discuss trucking regulations that took effect January 1.

K. Claus announced the SsMART Zone graduating its first manufacturer which is relocating to a new building and providing 6 new jobs. May 5 will be the first stakeholder meeting for cross-border collaboration.

D. McLean reiterated the need to focus on bringing broadband to the rural areas and updating the local recreation plans through the Regional Recreation Plan that has been funded through the 2015 Regional Prosperity grant.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

The next meeting date was scheduled for July 22, 2015. It will be a 9 AM meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. A motion to adjourn was made by G. Reid and supported by J. Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.