

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

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017
Antler's Restaurant; 804 E. Portage Avenue; Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**

Members Present

Bill Henry, Luce Co.
Diane Patrick, Mackinac Co.
Gary Reid, Clark Twp.-Mack. Co.
Jim Hill, Mackinac Co.
Joe Dobrowolski, Chip. Co. Private
Kelly Freeman, Sault Ste. Marie
Michelle Walk, MSU Extension

Dean Reid, Mackinac, Private
Don McLean, Chippewa Co.
Jeff Holt, Minority Rep.
Jim Moore, Kinross Charter
John Waltman, Luce Co.
Luke Paquin, City of St. Ignace
Richard Timmer, Chip. Co. Private

Staff:

Jeff Hagan	Ellen Benoit	Kim Wilcox	Nate Rapp
Nathan Coon	Rebecca Bolen		

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. by Chairman Dean Reid.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment addressed at this meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was noted that the agenda was amended to include a 2017 EDA Partnership Planning Grant Amendment under New Business. R. Timmer moved to approve the amended agenda with this addition and K. Freeman supported. This motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. October 26, 2016 Board Minutes

R. Timmer moved to approve the October 26, 2016, meeting minutes as presented.
D. McLean supported. Motion passed.

b. December 7, 2016 Executive Committee Minutes

Upon review of the minutes of the December 7, 2016, Executive Committee meeting, it was noted that a correction was required on page 2 notating D. McLean as the member supporting J. Holt’s motion to approve the BCBS Health Care Renewal. It was also noted that a correction was also required under Committee Member Updates (page 3) as it should indicate that Beacom Specialized Services can now occupy 2-10 bed units. R. Timmer moved to approve the December 7, 2016 Executive Committee minutes with the noted corrections. D. McLean supported. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

D. McLean moved to approve the consent agenda items which included the Financial Report, Program Updates, and the Director’s Report. M. Walk supported. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. CEDS Call for Projects 2017

Rebecca Bolen provided a brief overview of the annual CEDS Call for Projects and associated Annual Performance Report. As the plan is updated, the annual call for projects is being requested to identify potential projects as well as information on completed projects. Project submission and completed project forms are available on the EUP Regional Planning Commission’s website (www.eup-planning.org) and are due February 17, 2017.

b. P.A. 152 Resolution

P.A. 152 Resolution to exempt employees of paying 20% of their health insurance premiums was described. The EUPRPDC can be exempt as the current health care plan premium falls below the maximum threshold. It was noted that Public Act 152 allows for this extension annually with a 2/3 vote of the Commission. D. McLean moved to approve the resolution as written. K. Freeman supported. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

c. 2017 Meeting Dates

Following the review of tentative meeting dates for 2017, R. Timmer moved to approve the 2017 meeting schedule:

01/25/17	12:00 p.m.
05/03/17	9:00 a.m.
07/26/17	9:00 a.m.
10/25/17	9:00 a.m.

M. Walk supported. Motion passed.

d. Board Member Updates

D. McLean provided a Chippewa County EDC update.

J. Holt mentioned that the city and Sault EDC received another E-Cities best practices award for economic development and placemaking.

K. Freeman indicated that the city is in the process of completing the requirements for certification of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

R. Timmer indicated that Rob Laitinen has been appointed to the State of Michigan Wetland Mitigation Board.

He also described a recycle program currently being considered in Luce County that will be of a smaller scale of the Chippewa County Recycling Center. A faith based operation has expressed interest in this concept.

It was noted that a Regional Recycling meeting will be held on February 2, 2017.

J. Hill mentioned that Mackinac County has two newly elected commissioners as well as a new clerk and treasurer.

A millage for CTE will be on the ballot in May of 2017 for regional vocational technical education.

L. Paquin indicated that due to upcoming retirements, the City of St. Ignace will need a new city manager, clerk, and DDA manager.

e. EDA Partnership Planning Grant Amendment 2017

A resolution detailing an amendment to the 2017 EDA Partnership Planning Grant was described. This amendment increases the Partnership Planning Assistance Grant of \$30,744 to be matched with \$20,496 of local funds for the three-year grant period. K. Freeman moved to approve the resolution as presented. G. Reid supported. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.