

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

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017
SmartZone; 2345 Meridian Street; Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**

Members Present

Bill Henry, Luce Co.	Colleen Duflo, Luce Co. Private
Dean Reid, Mackinac, Private	Diane Patrick, Mackinac Co.
Don McLean, Chippewa Co.	Gary Reid, Clark Twp.-Mack. Co.
Jeff Holt, Minority Rep.	Jim Moore, Kinross Charter
Joe Dobrowolski, Chip. Co. Private	John Waltman, Luce Co.
Kelly Freeman, Sault Ste. Marie	Richard Timmer, Chip. Co. Private

Guests:

Martha Sjogren ~ US Forest Service ~ Timber Program
Kari Vanderheuel ~ US Forest Service ~ Recreation Program
Josh Billington—SBDC
Mark Clymer—Clark Township
Alex Iseri—MEA

Staff:

Jeff Hagan	Alicia Williams	Ellen Benoit	Kim Wilcox
Nathan Coon	Rebecca Bolen		

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Clymer was introduced as the new Clark Township Supervisor.

Dick Timmer notified the board the UP Association of County Commissioners is taking the lead on the UP-Energy topic, as it became too technical under the Watershed group.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was noted that the agenda was amended to include action on a Coastal Zone Management Resolution. This item will be included under New Business. D. McLean moved to approve the agenda with this addition. R. Timmer supported. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—July 26, 2017 Board Minutes

A modification of D. Reid's board member update in the July 26, 2017, minutes was completed prior to the start of the meeting. R. Timmer moved to approve the July 26, 2017, corrected meeting minutes. G. Reid supported. Motion passed unanimously.

US Forest Service Presentation

Representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, Martha Sjogren and Kari Vanderheuel, provided a presentation of the Forest Service's Timber and Recreation Programs.

Mrs. Sjogren described the economic benefits of the forest which is divided into three sectors—Market Value, Non-Market Value, and Ecosystem Services.

- Market Value—Jobs & Income
- Non-Market Value—Recreation & Habitats
- Ecosystem Services—Drinking Water Sources

She also answered questions regarding the economics of timber sales and how the harvesting income is distributed.

Mrs. Vanderheuel described recent improvements to recreation areas within the region including campgrounds, OHV trails, and the Point Iroquois Lighthouse. She also described and answered questions regarding the process of collaboration and partnerships with local government entities and also how projects are determined.

CONSENT AGENDA

J. Moore moved to approve the consent agenda items which included the Financial Report, Program Updates, and the Director's Report. J. Holt supported. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution RPI 2018 Letter of Support

Director Hagan presented the Resolution in support of the EUP Regional Planning and Development Commission's grant application for RPI 2018 funding. C. Duflo moved to

approve the Resolution for support of the RPI 2018 application. K. Freeman supported. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

B. Henry-Yes	C. Duflo-Yes	D. Reid-Yes	D. Patrick-Yes	D. McLean-Yes
G. Reid-Yes	J. Holt-Yes	J. Moore-Yes	J. Dobrowolski-Yes	J. Waltman-Yes
K. Freeman-Yes	R. Timmer-Yes			

b. Resolution—Hazard Mitigation Natural Hazards Plan Update; Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Application 2018

A resolution approving the Hazard Mitigation Natural Hazards Plan Update Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Application was reviewed. This resolution authorizes CEO J. Hagan as the signatory and grant recipient should the Natural Hazards Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Grant be awarded. R. Timmer moved to approve the Hazard Mitigation Resolution as presented. J. Moore supported. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

B. Henry-Yes	C. Duflo-Yes	D. Reid-Yes	D. Patrick-Yes	D. McLean-Yes
G. Reid-Yes	J. Holt-Yes	J. Moore-Yes	J. Dobrowolski-Yes	J. Waltman-Yes
K. Freeman-Yes	R. Timmer-Yes			

c. Resolution—Coastal Zone Management 2019

A resolution approving the 2019 Coastal Zone Management application was reviewed. This resolution authorizes CEO J. Hagan as the signatory and grant recipient should the Coastal Zone Management grant be approved. J. Moore moved to approve the 2019 Coastal Zone Management Resolution. R. Timmer supported. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

B. Henry-Yes	C. Duflo-Yes	D. Reid-Yes	D. Patrick-Yes	D. McLean-Yes
G. Reid-Yes	J. Holt-Yes	J. Moore-Yes	J. Dobrowolski-Yes	J. Waltman-Yes
K. Freeman-Yes	R. Timmer-Yes			

d. Board Member Updates

G. Reid indicated that the Maple Sawmill expansion is scheduled for 2018. He also mentioned that the Hessel Air Industrial Park has signed a lease for a training facility for aircraft mechanics and aeronautical repair.

D. McLean announced that following a nationwide search, the Chippewa County EDC has hired Chris Olson as the Executive Director.

J. Moore indicated that the wastewater treatment plant in Kinross has recently been upgraded.

C. Duflo mentioned that there has been an increase in commercial loans in the area.

J. Dobrowolski indicated that there is an increase in manufacturing positions and he is also encouraged with the growth in CTE opportunities.

J. Holt indicated that improvements to the airport runway have been completed and upcoming terminal improvements are being considered.

He also described a recent partnership with Sault Ste. Marie, Canada to submit a proposal to Amazon.

D. Reid mentioned that SCORE would like to start a chapter in Mackinac County. SCORE provides small business mentoring services to entrepreneurs of existing and new businesses.

It was noted that a Brownfield Redevelopment luncheon will be held on October 30 at the Little Bear in St. Ignace.

OLD BUSINESS

The following press releases were reviewed:

- *Changing Leadership at Workforce Agency*
- *US-2 Designated as Scenic Byway*
- *Little Rapids Restoration Project Celebrated Completion*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.