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**Eastern U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2015 – 10:00 AM
Sault Service Center – 1118 E. Easterday Ave., SSM, MI 49783**

Minutes

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
None present
4. 2015-2016 Draft Budget (information only)
5. Regional Prosperity Grant update
 - a. Service Agreement with EUP MI Works! (ACTION ITEM)- motion JH, support DR, unanimous
 - b. DNR rec plans
 - i. DNR working with Luce and Mackinac Counties due to high % of state lands.
 - c. RPI 2016 – transmission line to the lower-peninsula. Committee members inquired as to whether there something we could do to develop a plan for the UP. CEO will discuss with other regions and Governor’s team at upcoming meetings.
6. New Business
 - a. Coastal Zone Management Grant Acceptance (ACTION ITEM)
Moved by D. Reid, supported by Holt. Unanimous approval (Dulfo, Reid, Holt, McLean)
 - b. Staffing
Compensation request by N. Coon – the Committee authorized a request for an increase in compensation for the GIS coordinator.

Motion by Holt supported by Reid to approve the compensation request as presented for the GIS Coordinator effective immediately. With an additional step increase in December.
 - c. Board Appointments
 - i. City and Townships Reps – City of St. Ignace
Commission needs a representative from the City of St. Ignace Council. CEO will outreach to the city for an appropriate representative.

- d. Regional Prosperity Collaborative Discussion
Discussion on the MERS plan with the Workforce Development employees and various options moving forward and the implications.
Motion by Reid, supported by Duflo, to explore outside consulting help on modeling a consolidation.

- e. Committee member updates
Graymont Mining – land in Chippewa County, north and west of Trout Lake, put an app in to acquire the surface rights. Might want to make a recommendation from Regional Planning. Discussion ensued.
Tribal GIS – had a person that was hired under a grant that has expired, Tribe is not picking up that position, did a lot of work for the Tribe itself and the community, with no cost or strings attached. Now a gaping hole exists, need a mapping and GIS person. Alternative is to go through the City, not much of a priority for them.

- f. 2015-16 Board Meeting Dates (establish – ACTION ITEM)
January 27, 2016; April 27, 2016; July 27, 2016; October 26, 2015
Motion Holt, supported by Reid, unanimous.

Executive Committee – December 2, 2015; March 2, 2016; June 1, 2016; September 7, 2016

- g. Broadband update – Connect American funding awarded to CenturyTel and AT&T, Charter/Time Warner will be going through a merger soon.

- h. CN Rail Forum meeting – October in Lansing

7. Old Business

- a. Michigan Works! UPWARD Talent Council update

8. Next Meeting date(s):

Governing Board 10-21-15, LSSU 9AM; Executive Committee 12-2-15, St. Ignace Airport, 10am

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.