

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

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022; 9:00 a.m.  
Smart Zone; Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**

**Members Present**

Allison Watkins—Newberry Village	Bill Henry, Luce Co.
Brad Neumann, MSU Extension	Darcy Long, City of St. Ignace
Dean Reid, Mackinac, Private	Hunter Nostrant, Luce Co., Private
Jeff Holt, Minority Rep.	Jim Moore, Kinross Charter
Kelly Freeman, Sault Ste. Marie	Kimberly Muller, LSSU
Mark Clymer, Clark Twp.-Mack. Co.	Mike Patrick, Mackinac Co.
Richard Timmer, Chip. Co. Private	

**Partners**

Chris Olson, Chippewa County EDC

**Staff:**

Jeff Hagan	Ellen Benoit	Kim Wilcox
Mariah Goos	Nathan Coon	

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by J. Moore.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment addressed at this meeting.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

R. Timmer moved to approve the agenda as presented. M. Patrick supported. Motion passed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 2022-2024**

The Nominating Committee met on November 29, 2021, to provide a slate of nominees of officers to be presented for appointment at the January Annual Meeting. The following slate of nomination of officers were recommended for appointment to the EUPRPDC Board:

Chair: Mike Patrick  
Vice Chair: Allison Watkins  
Treasurer: Dean Reid  
Minority Representative: Jeff Holt  
Member At Large: Richard Timmer  
Secretary (ex-officio): Kim Wilcox, EUP

As there were no other nominations received from the floor, R. Timmer moved to close nominations, and unanimously appoint the officers of the EUPRPDC Board as presented. H. Nostrant supported. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 27, 2021, Board Minutes**

R. Timmer moved to approve the October 27, 2021, EUPRPDC Board minutes as presented. D. Reid supported. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 10, 2021, Executive Committee Minutes**

D. Reid moved to approve the December 10, 2021, Executive Committee minutes as presented. B. Henry supported. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Moore moved to approve the consent agenda items which included the Financial Report and Program Updates. R. Timmer supported. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Director’s Report**

CEO Hagan provided an update of the programs highlighted in the Director’s Report which was included in the meeting packet. K. Freeman moved to approve the Director’s Report as submitted. M. Clymer supported. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution—EGLE Materials Management Grant--2022**

The resolution for an EGLE Materials Management Grant for program period 2022 was described to members. This grant application totals \$36,000 for the Region (\$12,000 for each county) with a main objective to promote materials management throughout the region. This resolution authorizes EUP Regional Planning to be the designated planning agency for the Eastern Upper Peninsula and the authorized administrator of the grant award. R. Timmer moved to approve the 2022 EGLE Management Grant Resolution as presented. D. Reid supported. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

A. Watkins--Yes	B. Henry--Yes	B. Neumann--Yes	D. Long--Yes	D. Reid--Yes
H. Nostrant--Yes	J. Holt—Yes	J. Moore—Yes	K. Freeman—Yes	K. Muller—Yes
M. Clymer—Yes	M. Patrick—Yes	R. Timmer--Yes		

**Resolution—P.A. 152--2022**

This P. A. 152 Resolution approves the exemption of employees paying 20% of their health insurance premiums. The EUPRPDC can be exempt as the health insurance premiums fall below the maximum threshold. Public Act 152 allows for an annual extension with a 2/3 vote of the Commission. R. Timmer moved to approve the 2022 P.A. 152 Resolution. J. Moore supported. The resolution was declared adopted.

A. Watkins--Yes	B. Henry--Yes	B. Neumann--Yes	D. Long--Yes	D. Reid--Yes
H. Nostrant--Yes	J. Holt—Yes	J. Moore—Yes	K. Freeman—Yes	K. Muller—Yes
M. Clymer—Yes	M. Patrick—Yes	R. Timmer--Yes		

**Conflict of Interest Policy**

The Conflict-of-Interest Policy requires board members and alternates to sign the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form annually. Members are asked to review the policy, complete the disclosure form, and return the form to Kim Wilcox ([kwilcox@eup-planning.org](mailto:kwilcox@eup-planning.org)) at the EUPRPDC office.

**2022 Meeting Dates**

Members reviewed the proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule for the Commission and Executive Committee:

Commission: January 26, April 27, July 27, & October 26

Executive Committee: March 11, June 10, September 9, & December 9

**Board Member Updates**

Richard Timmer: Mentioned that there are Great Lakes Environmental Cleanup funds available. Additional information about this program can be obtained from Rob at the Chippewa County Road Commission.

Jeff Holt: Indicated that the City is working on the EGLE grant application for this year’s tire recycling project. He also described planned updates to the Sea Plane Dock at Rotary Park.

Dean Reid: Mentioned that MEA is considering State Land Bank options rather than utilizing City Land Bank.

Darcy Long: Described a \$1.5 million project for a new ambulance building in St. Ignace. It is the hope that this project will be complete this year.

Hunter Nostrant: Noted that the construction projects in Eckerman and Curtis are ongoing. Helen Newberry Joy Hospital is also in the process of changing their computer/medical records system.

Mark Clymer: Provided an update of recent grant applications and awards for Clark Township.

Kelly Freeman: Indicated that the VA Clinic, which is currently leasing space from War Memorial Hospital, will be renovating the Great Wall restaurant building on the Business Spur to offer services in the Eastern Upper Peninsula as the hospital is not extending their current lease.

Kim Muller: Lake Superior State University has been awarded a grant to teach adult workshops for CNA and Basic Shop Skills programs.

Brad Neumann: Provided information of upcoming meetings and ARPA final rules. He provided the following links for members:

- US Treasury final rules presentation handout - <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Webinar.pdf> See pg. 12 "Impacted Households - Over a dozen eligible uses, including: Affordable housing development and permanent supportive housing."
- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/building-a-foundation-for-attainable-housing-in-your-community-a-2-part-series>
- Winter 2022 Citizen Planner via Zoom - <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Winter22CPZoom>
- State Preemption of Local Authority in Michigan webinar - <https://events.anr.msu.edu/preemption>
- Fiscally Ready Communities: Budgeting for Fiscal Sustainability - <https://events.anr.msu.edu/locagovbudget>
- 2022 Master Citizen Planner Live Webinar Series - <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MCPWeb2022>
- Planning & Zoning for Solar Energy Systems (technical, in-depth) - coming soon!

Allison Watkins: Mentioned that the Village will be voting to reduce the number of council members from six to four members.

Chris Olson: Mentioned that Enterprise Car Rental is beginning to offer services at the Airport.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. following a motion by R. Timmer and support by J. Moore.