

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

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023; 9:00 a.m.
EUP Regional Planning & Development Office; Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**

Members Present

Bill Henry, Luce Co.	Brad Neumann, MSU Extension
Chris Olson, Chippewa Co.	Dean Reid, Mackinac, Private
Hunter Nostrant, Luce Co., Private	Jeff Holt, Minority Rep.
Jim Moore, Kinross Charter	Jim Traynor, Chippewa Co.
Mark Clymer, Clark Twp.-Mack. Co.	Mike Patrick, Mackinac Co.
Tom Cronan, City of St. Ignace	

Staff:

Jeff Hagan	Ellen Benoit	Katrina Harcourt	Kim Wilcox
Nathan Coon	Mary Ann Heidemann		

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by M. Patrick.

ROLL CALL

After the member sign in registration form was circulated, T. Cronan moved to excuse the members not present with support from B. Henry. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment addressed at this meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

J. Traynor moved to approve the agenda as presented. H. Nostrant supported. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 1, 2023, Board Minutes

J. Moore moved to approve the February 1, 2023, EUPRPDC Board minutes as presented. T. Cronan supported. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 22, 2023, Executive Committee Minutes

D. Reid moved to approve the March 22, 2023, EUPRPDC Executive Committee minutes as presented. J. Traynor supported.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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. J. Holt moved to approve the Director’s Report as submitted. C. Olson supported. Motion passed.

Resolution—CEDS Annual Performance Report--2023

A PowerPoint presentation of the 2023 CEDS Annual Performance Report was provided to Board Members. This report is an update of the 2020 5-Year Plan describing the goals, objectives, and demographics and is available for review on the EUP Regional Planning website. The Regional Economic Development Advisory Collaborative (REDAC) reviewed the Report at their meeting on April 12. As this report requires approval of the EUPRPDC Board, D. Reid moved to approve the resolution for the adoption of the 2023 EUP Performance Report and continued designation of the EUP as an economic district. T. Cronan supported. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

B. Henry—Yes	C. Olson—Yes	D. Reid—Yes	H. Nostrant—Yes	J. Holt—Yes
J. Moore—Yes	J. Traynor—Yes	M. Patrick—Yes	T. Cronan—Yes	

Resolution—MSHDA Regional Housing Partnership Co-Lead--2023

CEO Hagan described the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Regional Housing Partnership Co-Lead grant opportunity. This grant totals \$75,000 with no local match to work as a co-lead with C-L-M Community Action Agency to coordinate the Regional Housing Partnership and its goals and objectives. EUPRPDC will serve as the fiduciary for this grant. This resolution designates CEO J. Hagan as the authorized signatory and grant recipient of the MSHDA Regional Housing Partnership Co-Lead grant. J. Holt moved to approve the MSHDA Regional Housing Partnership Co-Lead Resolution. C. Olson supported. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

H. Nostrant—Yes	J. Holt—Yes	J. Moore—Yes	J. Traynor—Yes	M. Patrick—Yes
T. Cronan—Yes	B. Henry—Yes	C. Olson—Yes	D. Reid—Yes	

Resolution—Michigan Arts & Cultural Council (MACC)—FY 2024

The FY2024 Michigan Arts & Cultural Council (MACC) resolution approving the application to the MACC Re-Granting Services Program was reviewed. This resolution authorizes EUP Regional Planning to administer the contracts for the MACC Minigrant Project Support and the Professional and Organizational Development Program for Fiscal Year 2024. T. Cronan moved to approve the MACC Program Resolution as presented. B. Henry supported. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

M. Patrick—Yes	T. Cronan—Yes	B. Henry—Yes	C. Olson—Yes	D. Reid--Yes
H. Nostrant--Yes	J. Holt—Yes	J. Moore--Yes	J. Traynor--Yes	

Board Member Updates

Chris Olson: Mentioned that temporary housing for the Soo Lock employees has been approved. There will be 100 units available to begin with additional builds in the future to allow for a total of 400 units.

Tom Cronan: Noted that St. Ignace has recently hired a new police chief and a new city manager.

Jeff Holt: Provided an update of the Sault Ste. Marie EDC Strategic Plan. The consultants will be presenting the results at the Sault EDC Board meeting scheduled to be held on May 15.

Dean Reid: Described his recent tours of two renewable energy facilities in Michigan—A solar farm in Shiawassee County and a wind farm in Isabella County. He also mentioned that Graymont will be requesting a letter of support for the infrastructure needs going to/from the plant.

Jim Moore: Provided an update of the food waste facility operations in Kinross. It will accept food wastes including fats, oils, and grease.

Jim Traynor: Noted that Chippewa County is in the process of selling War Memorial Hospital building to MyMichigan Health.

Brad Neumann: Indicated that he will forward information to be distributed to board members regarding opportunities for housing, renewable energy, and transportation funding for safe routes to schools.

OLD BUSINESS

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Executive Committee—June 21, 2023; 9:00 a.m.; EUP office
- Governing Board—July 26, 2023; 9:00 a.m. Time/Location TBD

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m. following a motion by J. Moore and support by J. Holt.