

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

**Monday, July 31, 2023; 9:00 a.m.**

**EUP Regional Planning & Development Office; Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**

**Members Present**

Allison Watkins—Newberry Village  
Brad Neumann, MSU Extension  
Dean Reid, Mackinac, Private  
Jim Moore, Kinross Charter  
Joe Dobrowolski, Chip. Co. Private  
Mark Clymer, Clark Twp.-Mack. Co.  
Tom Cronan, City of St. Ignace

Bill Henry, Luce Co.  
Chris Olson, Chippewa Co.  
Jeff Holt, Minority Rep.  
Jim Traynor, Chippewa Co.  
Kelly Freeman, Sault Ste. Marie  
Mike Patrick, Mackinac Co.

**Partners**

Chris Byrnes, MEA

**Guest:** Rhonda S. Oyer, Solid Waste Manager; EGLE

**Staff**

Jeff Hagan     Katrina Harcourt     Kim Wilcox

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

While the member sign in registration form was circulating, J. Moore moved to excuse the members not present with support from T. Cronan. 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. J. Moore supported. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: EUPRPDC Board Meeting (May 3, 2023) and Executive Committee (June 21, 2023)**

T. Cronan moved to approve the May 3, 2023, EUPRPDC Board minutes and the June 21, 2023, Executive Committee minutes as presented. J. Holt supported. Motion passed.

**PRESENTATION: Part 115 Materials Management Overview**

**Speaker: Rhonda S. Oyer, Solid Waste Manager, EGLE**

Rhonda Oyer, Solid Waste Manager, EGLE, provided an overview of the Part 115 Materials Management Planning process. A slide presentation described the focus of materials management to include solid waste and recycling. It is anticipated that EGLE will soon release the call for plans to the counties which then the counties will be able to designate a planning agency to develop a Materials Management Plan. It is recommended that this plan be a regional plan. After the slide presentation, Rhonda indicated that EGLE is collaborating with EUP and NEMCOG to host a regional meeting in the fall.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Moore moved to approve the consent agenda items which included the Financial Report and Program Updates. T. Cronan 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. D. Reid moved to approve the Director's Report as submitted. T. Cronan supported. Motion passed.

**Board Member Updates**

Jeff Holt: An Open House for some of the vacant buildings in the community is being planned to be held by the end of August. He also indicated that there were a couple manufacturing looking to expand their operations.

Dean Reid: Described a potential opportunity to work with MDOT to assist in transportation on the waterways, especially with cruise ships that currently must tender from the ship to go to Mackinac Island. The ships could port in St. Ignace or Mackinac City and passengers could then ferry to the island.

Mark Clymer: Mentioned that construction to the Peekaboo Trail should begin in the fall.

Tom Cronan: Noted that the City of St. Ignace has many new hires including a new Recreation Director, City Manager, DDA Director, and Police Chief. It was also mentioned that St. Ignace will soon be updating its Waste Plan.

Jim Moore: Described the new temporary housing units located in Kinross for the employees of the Sault Locks Project.

Jim Traynor: Noted that the War Memorial property sale to My Michigan has been finalized. He also described upcoming construction projects for the County: Sheriff Department Storage Building and Animal Control Expansion/Renovation.

Brad Neumann: Indicated that he has been assisting EUPRPDC and CLM Community Action by facilitating meetings for the Regional Housing Plan. He also mentioned that MSU Extension is working with the Bay Mills Indian Community with a tourism assessment. Future trainings include a training webinar on regulating short-term rentals and workforce housing and a Citizen Planning Training will be scheduled early next year.

Allison Watkins: Indicated that the Village of Newberry is currently working on updates to the zoning ordinance.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- Executive Committee—September 20, 2023; 9:00 a.m.
- Governing Board—October 25, 2023; 9:00 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. following a motion by M. Clymer and support by J. Holt.