

WUPPDR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Western U.P. Planning and Development Region

Monday, January 24, 2022
4:15 PM (ET)
Via Zoom Audio/Videoconference

NAME	Present, voting	Present, non-voting	Absent
Robert Nousiainen, Chair, Ontonagon County	X		X
Joe Bonovetz, 1 st V.C., Gogebic County	X		X
Patti Peretto, 2 nd Vice Chair, Iron County	X		
Bill Rolof, Treasurer, Baraga County			X
James Vivian, Jr., Secretary, Keweenaw County	X		
Del Rajala, Alternate, Keweenaw County			X
Albert Koskela, Member, Houghton County	X		
Marlene Broemer, Alternate, Ontonagon County			X
MaryEllen Hyttinen, Office Manager, WUPPDR		X	
Jerald Wuorenmaa, Executive Director, WUPPDR		X	

Call to Order: Robert Nousiainen, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:19 PM (ET)

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was spoken.

Roll Call of Members: The following commissioners responded to roll call done by Wuorenmaa.
Robert Nousiainen, Patti Peretto, Bill Rolof, James Vivian, Jr., Tom Tikkanen.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Rolof, supported by Tikkanen to approve the agenda with correction to item #5 date from December 20, 2020, to December 20, 2021. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes - (December 20, 2021, Executive Committee): Moved by Rolof, supported by Tikkanen to approve the minutes with date correction. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills Paid: Moved by Rolof, supported by Tikkanen to approve the bills paid as presented from December 1, 2021 – December 30, 2021, totaling \$66,256.51. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Nousiainen, Peretto, Rolof, Vivian, Jr., Tikkanen. **Nays:** None. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Secondary assignment of Secretary role: Moved by Rolof, supported by Tikkanen to authorize the next officer in line to serve as secretary when primary is not present. Motion carried.

Eligibility criteria for use of employee sick leave: Wuorenmaa read a portion of the current sick leave policy. "Sick leave shall be used for illness or injury of the employee only. The Executive Director may make exceptions on a case-by-case basis for care of an immediate family member (child or spouse) of the employee". He asked the other two UP regions if that person would qualify for sick leave for a parent and they both said yes. Wuorenmaa also checked the federal regulations office of management and budget which also allowed this. Wuorenmaa requested to add parent to the policy. Moved by Tikkanen, supported by Rolof to include parent to the sick leave provision in the Personnel Policies and Procedures manual. Motion carried.

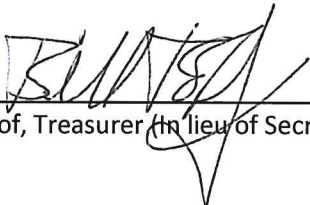
Hazard Mitigation Plans County match status: Wuorenmaa explained the circumstances for a shortfall in county match shares and stated next time WUPPDR updates these plans again, he will request money up front to cover the whole match. No action taken.

EGLE Materials Management County Engagement Grants: Wuorenmaa mentioned that WUPPDR serves as the designated planning agency for EGLE Solid Waste. Most solid waste plans are outdated but according to EGLE, unless there is an urgent compliance issue there is no reason to update the plans. State legislation is still pending because they can't figure out what to do for funding the process. EGLE currently has several grant opportunities for materials management planning. Ideally EGLE would like to see intercounty collaboration so these grants would be jointly to the counties and planning agencies.

Director's update: Wuorenmaa updated the committee regarding his travel costs since moving to Bergland; there has been no significant change.

Other Business: None

Adjourn: Moved by Rolof, supported by Tikkanen that the meeting adjourn at 4:50 PM (ET). Motion carried.



Bill Rolof, Treasurer (In lieu of Secretary)