

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

Monday, January 16, 2023
4:15 PM (ET)
Parkview Lodge and Grill, Twin Lakes (Toivola), MI

NAME	Present, voting	Present, non-voting	Absent
Robert Nousiainen, Chair, Ontonagon County	X		
Joe Bonovetz, 1 st V.C., Gogebic County	X		
Patti Peretto, 2 nd Vice Chair, Iron County			X
Bill Rolof, Treasurer, Baraga County			
James Vivian, Jr., Secretary, Keweenaw County			X
Tom Tikkanen, Member, Houghton County	X		
MaryEllen Hyttinen, Office Manager, WUPPDR			
Jerald Wuorenmaa, Executive Director, WUPPDR			
Lisa McKenzie, Assistant Regional Planner, WUPPDR			

Call to Order: Robert Nousiainen, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM (ET)

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

Member Roll Call: The following commissioners responded to roll call done by Hyttinen.
Joe Bonovetz, Tom Tikkanen, Robert Nousiainen.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Tikkanen to adopt the agenda as amended with addition of item #8a., Quorum Discussion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes - (September 27, 2022, Executive Committee): Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Tikkanen to approve the minutes and place on file as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills Paid: Moved by Tikkanen, supported by Bonovetz to approve the bills paid as presented from September 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022, totaling \$196,590.07. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Bonovetz, Tikkanen, Nousiainen. **Nays:** None. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Quorum Discussion: Wuorenmaa stated due to weather and other issues he does not want to have any more meetings where decisions cannot be made because there isn't a quorum with the Full Commission. Wuorenmaa proposed for a motion to make any decisions of the Executive Committee final if the Full Commission does not have a quorum today. Discussion commenced.

Quarterly budget amendment: Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Tikkanen to approve the quarterly budget amendment as presented. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Bonovetz, Tikkanen, Nousiainen. **Nays:** None. Motion carried.

Personnel Policy amendment: Third-party business conduct: Wuorenmaa explained this policy is for the D&O insurance which was requested from the underwriters. Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Tikkanen to approve the Personnel Policy amendment: Third-party business conduct. Motion carried.

Insurance policy updates (informational): Wuorenmaa informed the committee the health insurance increased to a double-digit percentage. Wuorenmaa is also looking into E&O Liability insurance and is still waiting to hear back.

2023 meeting schedule: Moved by Tikkanen, supported by Bonovetz to adopt the 2023 meeting schedule. Discussion followed with Tikkanen commenting about the December meeting, mentioning other events happening around that same time and questioned if it had been an issue. Wuorenmaa stated that it was an issue last year. Suggestion was made to possibly have the December meeting a week earlier. Suggestion will be made to the Full Commission. Motion carried.

Other Business: Hyttinen questioned if on the officer election years, only the Full Commission meet in January to get the new officers elected in before the next meeting. Bonovetz commented about if there isn't a quorum for the Full Commission tonight, would the Executive committee be able to do the election part. Decision was made to only have a Full Commission meeting in January when it is the election of officers' year.

Adjourn: Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Tikkanen that the meeting adjourn at 4:44 PM (ET). Motion carried.



William Menge, Secretary