

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

Monday, June 19, 2023
4:15 PM (EDT)
Parkview Lodge and Grill, Twin Lakes, MI

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

Call to Order: Joe Bonovetz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM (EDT)

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. Patti Peretto, William Menge, Tom Tikkanen, Robert Nousiainen, and Joe Bonovetz.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Menge, supported by Tikkanen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes - (March 20, 2023): Moved by Peretto, supported by Nousiainen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills Paid (March 1 – May 31, 2023): Moved by Tikkanen, supported by Menge to approve the bills paid as presented from March 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023, totaling \$160,665.48. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** Patti Peretto, Bill Menge, Tom Tikkanen, Robert Nousiainen, Joe Bonovetz. **Nays:** None. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Computer equipment purchasing: Wuorenmaa informed the commission about purchasing new computers for the office. Wuorenmaa was originally considering about purchasing new computers for the whole office but instead will purchase them as needed.

Budget Amendment: Moved by Nousiainen, supported by Peretto to recommend approval of the budget amendment to the full board as presented. Motion carried.

Regional Housing Partnership (RHP) overview and authorization: Wuorenmaa explained the MSHDA program to the commission. WUPPDR has been selected to be the lead agency with a grant allowance of \$175,000 over a

two-year period. Moved by Tikkanen supported by Menge to recommend to the full board the approval and proper signatures for the Regional Housing Partnership grant agreement from MSHDA. Motion carried.

MDOT 2024 Master Agreement approval and authorization: Moved by Nousiainen, supported by Peretto to recommend to the full board approval and authorize proper signatures for the MDOT 2024 Master Agreement. Motion carried.

Chiantello nominees: Hyttinen requested everyone start thinking about candidates for this award and send their nominations to her by the August meeting. Hyttinen will email everyone the criteria for their information.

Annual Meeting: September 18. Hyttinen requested information from the AmericInn in Silver City and also Konteka in White Pine. AmericInn was quite a higher cost than Konteka so the annual meeting will be at the Konteka. Wuorenmaa asked Highland Copper to be the guest speaker and is waiting for their response.

Other Business: Peretto inquired about the arrangement of the meetings and why the Executive Committee meets separately before the Full board. She was given reasoning and the subject concluded.

Adjourn: Moved by Menge, supported by Tikkanen that the meeting adjourn at 4:49 PM (EDT). Motion carried.



William Menge, Secretary