

WUPPDR FULL COMMISSION MEETING
Western U.P. Planning and Development Region

Monday, January 16, 2023
5:00 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 Vice Chair, Gogebic County	X		
Patti Peretto, 2 nd Vice Chair, Iron County			X
Bill Rolof, Treasurer, Baraga County			X
James Vivian, Jr., Secretary, Keweenaw County			X
Glenn Anderson, Houghton County	X		
Mary Babcock, City of Hancock (Alt.)			X
Ron Blau, City of Hancock	X		
Roy Britz, Houghton County (E.C. Alt.)			X
Gale Eilola,	X		
Zach Hautala, Iron County			X
Donald Chastan, Village of Ontonagon (Alt.)	X		
Jan Cole, City of Houghton	X		
Tim Gasperich, Calumet Township (Alt.)			X
Gretchen Janssen, Houghton County			X
Robert LaFave, Village of L'Anse	X		
Paul Lehto, Calumet Charter Township			X
Jim Lorenson, Gogebic County (E.C. Alt.)			X
Lyle Olsen, Baraga County (E.C. Alt.)			X
Bruce Petersen, Portage Charter Township			X
Paul Putnam, MSU Extension (<i>ex officio</i>)			X
Del Rajala, Keweenaw County (E.C. Alt.)			X
Jeff Ratcliffe, KEDA (<i>ex officio</i>)			X
Tony Smydra, Village of Ontonagon			X
Mike Stafford, Iron County (E.C. Alt.)			X
Ron Store, Ontonagon County (E.C. Alt.)	X		
Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County	X		
MaryEllen Hyttinen, Office Mgr., WUPPDR			
Jerald Wuorenmaa, Exec. Director, WUPPDR			
Lisa McKenzie, Asst. Regional Planner, WUPPDR			

Call to Order: Robert Nousiainen, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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.
Anderson, Blau, Bonovetz, Chastan, Cole, Tikkanen, Store, Eilola, Nousiainen

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

Election of Officers: Wuorenmaa explained there is a new script for the Election of Officers which should be simpler than the past. Officers are elected every two years, based on rotation detailed in the Bylaws. Secretary and Treasurer were reversed previously and is now corrected. Defaults are Joe Bonovetz, Chair, Gogebic County. All in favor. Patti Peretto, 1st Vice Chair, Iron County; James Vivian, Jr. 2nd Vice Chair, Keweenaw County, William

Menge, Secretary, Baraga County, Tom Tikkanen, Treasurer, Houghton County, Robert Nousiainen, Member, Ontonagon County. Moved by Anderson, supported by Tikkanen. Motion carried. James Vivian, Jr. 2nd Vice Chair, Keweenaw County. Moved by Tikkanen, supported by Eilola. Motion carried. William Menge, Secretary, Baraga County. Moved by LaFave, supported by Blau. Motion carried. Tom Tikkanen, Treasurer, Houghton County. Moved by Anderson, supported by Eilola. Motion carried. Robert Nousiainen, member, Ontonagon County.

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

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

Public Appearances: None

Director Updates: See attached.

Quarterly budget amendment: Moved by LaFave, supported by Nousiainen to approve the quarterly budget amendment as presented. Motion carried.

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

Insurance policy updates (informational): Wuorenmaa informed the committee WUPPDR has had the same health insurance for many years with 44North/BCBS. The health insurance premium has increased but not very exorbitant. Wuorenmaa stated he submitted an application for E&O Liability insurance and is still waiting to hear back. Tikkanen suggested to investigate local agents for this type of insurance.

2023 meeting schedule: Bonovetz informed the commission the Executive Committee were talking more specifically about the December meeting since there weren't enough members this past December for a meeting. Bonovetz asked for any suggestions from the commission. Revisions can be made later. Moved by Nousiainen, supported by Eilola to approve the 2023 meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Other Business: Bonovetz thanked everyone for attending this meeting and the importance of attending so business can be taken care of. Hyttinen also commented about the importance of RSVP's not just to make sure there is a quorum but also because the venue needs to know ahead of time regarding meals.

Adjourn: Moved by Tikkanen, supported by Store that the meeting adjourn at 5:58 PM (ET). Motion carried.



William Menge, Secretary