

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

Northern Waters Casino Resort, N5384 US 45, Watersmeet, MI

Monday, September 20, 2021
5:00 PM (CT)

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
Albert Koskela, E.C. Member, Houghton County			X
Glenn Anderson, Houghton County	X		
Mary Babcock, City of Hancock (Alt.)			X
Ron Blau, City of Hancock	X		
Roy Britz, Houghton County			X
Marlene Broemer, Ontonagon County (E.C. Alt.)	X		
Mark Bromley, Iron County			X
Donald Chastan, Village of Ontonagon (Alt.)			X
Gretchen Janssen, Houghton County			X
Robert LaFave, Village of L'Anse			X
Paul Lehto, Calumet Charter Township	X		
Jim Lorensen, Gogebic County (E.C. Alt.)	X		
Lyle Olsen, Baraga County (E.C. Alt.)	X		
Bruce Petersen, Portage Charter Township			X
Del Rajala, Keweenaw County (E.C. Alt.)			X
Jeff Ratcliffe, KEDA (<i>ex officio</i>)			X
Dan Salo, City of Houghton			X
Tony Smydra, Village of Ontonagon			X
Mike Stafford, Iron County (E.C. Alt.)	X		
Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County (E.C. Alt.)			X
MaryEllen Hyttinen, Office Mgr., WUPPDR			
Jerald Wuorenmaa, Exec. Director, WUPPDR			
Rachael Pressley, Regional Planner, WUPPDR			
James Marusich, Asst. Regional Planner, WUPPDR			
Lisa McKenzie, Asst. Regional Planner, WUPPDR			
George McNulty, Gogebic Community College			
Sandy Menge, Baraga Co.			
William Menge, Baraga Co. Chiantello Awardee			
Kathleen Whitburn, State Farm Agent			
Samantha Schutz, OHM Advisors			
Karin Cooper, UPEA			

Call to Order: Robert Nousiainen, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM (CT)

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

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

Approval of Minutes - (June 21, 2021, Full Commission): Moved by Stafford, supported by Anderson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills Paid: Moved by Lehto, supported by Rolof to approve the bills as presented from August 3, 2021 – August 30, 2021, totaling \$33,447.73. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes**: Anderson, Blau, Lehto, Stafford, Rolof, Olsen, Lorensen, Nousiainen. **Nays**: None. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Consideration of Munetrix for Regional Planning sponsorship: Wuorenmaa explained this is an online platform that provides a wide variety of data at the regional, state and county level. Much of the data is provided from the Census, state databases, audits, etc. Munetrix can put together custom tools for various kinds of analysis. Local governments would have access to data that they normally would not. Moved by Anderson, supported by Rolof to support Munetrix for one year, starting October 1, 2021. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes**: Anderson, Broemer, Blau, Lehto, Stafford, Rolof, Olsen, Lorensen, Nousiainen. **Nays**: None. Motion carried.

EDA Cares contractual EDO funds / amendment to KEDA contract: Wuorenmaa said one of the items in the EDA CARES Act grant was to use \$60,000 for the local economic development organizations to provide technical assistance to businesses to address the impacts of the pandemic. Wuorenmaa stated KEDA was the first organization to receive any of these funds. Wuorenmaa recommends KEDA's portion be increased based on population percentage. Moved by Lorensen, supported by Stafford to increase the KEDA contract from \$22,000 to \$30,048 based on the proration provided. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes**: Anderson, Broemer, Blau, Lehto, Stafford, Rolof, Olsen, Lorensen, Nousiainen. **Nays**: None. Motion carried.

Adjustment to standard pay ranges: Moved by Anderson, supported by Broemer to accept the proposed budget for 2021-22 standard pay ranges recommended by Wuorenmaa. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes**: Anderson, Broemer, Blau, Lehto, Stafford, Rolof, Olsen, Lorensen, Nousiainen. **Nays**: None. Motion carried.

FY2021 final budget amendment: Moved by Lorensen, supported by Stafford to adopt the FY2021 final budget amendment. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes**: Anderson, Broemer, Blau, Lehto, Stafford, Rolof, Olsen, Lorensen, Nousiainen. **Nays**: None. Motion carried.

FY2022 General Appropriations Act: Moved by Anderson, supported by Rolof to approve the FY2022 General Appropriations Act. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes**: Anderson, Broemer, Blau, Lehto, Stafford, Rolof, Olsen, Lorensen, Nousiainen. **Nays**: None. Motion carried.

Credit Card Policy amendment – Increase for MaryEllen Hyttinen: Moved by Lorensen, supported by Blau to approve the credit card increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for MaryEllen Hyttinen with suggestion by Lorensen to adopt the language in the credit card policy from "Purchase of capital outlays shall" to "Purchases shall be limited to." Roll Call Vote: **Ayes**: Anderson, Broemer, Blau, Lehto, Stafford, Rolof, Olsen, Lorensen, Nousiainen. **Nays**: None. Motion carried.

Other Business: Wuorenmaa mentioned the ARPA corona virus local fiscal recovery funds workshop is being put on by the MSU Extension which will be on October 7, 2021, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the WUPPDR office. They will go over some strategic options for use of those and other pandemic funds. Lunch will be provided.

Adjourn: Moved by Rolof, supported by Stafford that the meeting adjourn at 5:30 PM (CT). Motion carried.