

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

Tuesday, January 26, 2021  
4:15 PM (ET)  
Via Zoom Audio/Videoconference

NAME	Present, voting	Present, non-voting	Absent
Albert Koskela, Chair, Houghton County	X		
Robert Nousiainen, 1 <sup>st</sup> V.C., Ontonagon County	X		
Joe Bonovetz, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Gogebic County	X		
Sandra Gayk, Treasurer, Keweenaw County			X
Bill Rolof, Secretary, Baraga County	X		
Patti Peretto, Member, Iron County		X	
MaryEllen Hyttinen, Office Manager, WUPPDR		X	
Jerald Wuorenmaa, Executive Director, WUPPDR		X	

**Call to Order:** Albert Koskela, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM (ET)

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Rolof, supported by Bonovetz to approve the agenda as presented and to include roll call of members. Motion carried.

**Roll Call:** The following commissioners responded to roll call done by Hyttinen.

Joe Bonovetz, Bessemer, MI, Gogebic County; Patti Peretto, Iron County Courthouse, Iron County; Bill Rolof, L'Anse, MI, Baraga County; Albert Koskela, Traprock Valley, MI, Houghton County, Bob Nousiainen, Bruce Crossing, MI, Ontonagon County.

**Election of Officers:** Wuorenmaa explained and presented the officer nomination procedure, including the list of persons and officer positions that the usual two-year rotation would result in. Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Rolof to install all officers that were already in line to move up in the officer positions, recommended to the Full Commission for final approval.

**Approval of Minutes - (December 21, 2020 Executive Committee):** Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Rolof to receive the proposed December 21, 2020 Executive Committee minutes, and place on file as presented. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills Paid:** Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Rolof to approve the bills from December 1 – December 31, 2020, totaling \$62,811.50. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Bonovetz, Nousiainen, Rolof, Koskela. **Nays:** None. Motion carried.

**Public Appearances:** Mike Stafford

**2021 Meeting Schedule:** Nousiainen stated there were two WUPPDR commission meetings in conflict with the Health Department meetings, April 26, and October 25. After discussion, WUPPDR meeting schedule will be revised to eliminate conflicts, rescheduling those meetings to April 19 and October 18. Moved by Rolof supported by Koskela to accept the 2021 meeting schedule with revisions. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** Moved by Koskela, supported by Rolof to accept Iron County back into the Commission without a formal vote. Motion carried. Wuorenmaa proposed that in light of the current Open Meetings Act provisions, Commission members be permitted to vote by audio only, with no video connection as normally required by the Bylaws. Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Koskela to grant a waiver to our Bylaws to allow for voting by audio only. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Moved by Koskela, supported by Rolof that the meeting adjourn at 4:45 PM (ET). Motion carried.

Robert Nousiainen  
~~James Vivian, Jr., Secretary~~  
Robert Nousiainen, Chair  
(in lieu of Secretary)