

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

Monday, April 19, 2021
4:15 PM (ET)
Via Zoom Audio/Videoconference

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	X		
James Vivian, Jr., Secretary, Keweenaw County	X		
Del Rajala, Alternate, Keweenaw County		X	
Albert Koskela, Member, Houghton County	X		
Marlene Broemer, Alternate, Ontonagon County		X	
MaryEllen Hyttinen, Office Manager, WUPPDR		X	
Jerald Wuorenmaa, Executive Director, WUPPDR		X	

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.

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; Marlene Broemer, Ontonagon, MI, Ontonagon County; Del Rajala, Mohawk, MI, Keweenaw County; Robert Nousiainen, Bruce Crossing, MI, Ontonagon County.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Koskela to approve the agenda and March 15, 2021, Executive Committee minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes - (March 15, 2021, Executive Committee): Minutes approved under previous item.

Approval of Bills Paid: Moved by Koskela, supported by Bonovetz to approve the bills as presented from March 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021, totaling \$36,659.09. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Bonovetz, Peretto, Rolof, Koskela, Nousiainen. **Abstain:** Rajala. **Nays:** None. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Selection of contractor for Copper Country Trail Byway website redesign: Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Rolof to award the bid to Monte Consulting in the amount of \$14,823.00 on the recommendation of the director and staff. (Jim Vivian arrived at 4:25 PM)

Update on ELPC request for support for new Ottawa NF wilderness designations: Wuorenmaa informed the committee that he had corresponded with the Forest Service and there is not any impact on PILT. Another concern was firefighting, but Wuorenmaa stated there does not seem to be any concern with this issue. Fires would be responded to if required, if they could impact areas outside of the wilderness. Further discussion ensued. Wuorenmaa reported that ELPC had indicated it would be interested in any level of support for the designations – not “all or nothing.” Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Rolof to table this issue to the Full Commission meeting on June 21, 2021. Motion carried.

Audit update: Wuorenmaa informed the committee there were no findings or deficiencies and the audit will be presented by the auditor to the Full Commission via video at the June 21, 2021 meeting.

Director’s report: Wuorenmaa updated the committee on several current WUPPDR projects and issues. See attachment.

Other Business: The June 2021 Commission meeting will be held at the Parkview Lodge & Grill.

Adjourn: Moved by Koskela, supported by Bonovetz that the meeting adjourn at 5:17 PM (ET). Motion carried.



Robert Nousiainen, Chair (In lieu of Secretary)