

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

Parkview Lodge, Highway M-26, Twin Lakes, MI

Monday, June 21, 2021
4:15 PM (ET)

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 4:16 PM (ET)

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

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

Approval of Minutes - (April 19, 2021, Executive Committee): Moved by Koskela, supported by Rolof to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call: The following commissioners responded to roll call done by Hyttinen.
Joe Bonovetz, Patti Peretto, Bill Rolof, Albert Koskela, Robert Nousiainen.

Approval of Bills Paid: Moved by Koskela, supported by Bonovetz to approve the bills as presented from March 9, 2021 – May 28, 2021, totaling \$47,208.52. **Roll Call Vote:** **Ayes:** Bonovetz, Peretto, Rolof, Koskela, Nousiainen. **Nays:** None. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Proposed Travel policy revision for remote employees: Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Koskela to approve the addition of the remote work travel policy to the previous travel policy. Motion carried.

Munetrix Local Government Data Access Initiative: Wuorenmaa explained that Munetrix is closely associated with the Michigan Association of Regions. Several regions have already signed up for services with Munetrix. It is a data portal with many different types of data relevant to a local government. Some local governments are already using this portal. Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Rolof to recommend to the full board to purchase the service for one year. Motion carried.

Quarterly budget amendment: Wuorenmaa explained the proposed budget amendment stating there have been a few funds added since the last amendment mostly due to Rachael Pressley's foods initiatives. Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Koskela to approve the budget amendment as presented and recommend to the Full board. Motion carried.

MSU Extension ex officio representation for District 1 Director: Wuorenmaa proposed creating a non-voting ex officio position on the WUPPDR Commission for the MSU Extension District 1 Director, currently Paul Putnam. Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Rolof to support Paul Putnam as ex officio. Motion carried.

ELPC request for support for new Ottawa NF wilderness designations: There was more discussion regarding this request. Bonovetz mentioned there were too many unknowns for him to support this. Koskela also does not support this request. This request will be tabled to the Full Commission.

Annual Meeting Update: Hyttinen updated the committee on details of the annual meeting which will be held at the Northern Waters Casino in Watersmeet. Darla Lanz, Ottawa National Forest Supervisor, will be the guest speaker. Meal price will range from \$15 - \$17 per plate. Hyttinen reminded the committee of Chiantello nominee requests.

Other Business: None

Adjourn: Moved by Koskela, supported by Rolof that the meeting adjourn at 4:52 PM (ET). Motion carried.



Joe Bonovetz, Vice Chair (In lieu of Secretary)