

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

January 26, 2021
5:00 PM (ET)
Via Zoom Audio/Videoconference

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		
TBD, incoming Secretary, Keweenaw County			X
Albert Koskela, E.C. Member, Houghton County	X		
Mark Aho, Keweenaw County			X
Glenn Anderson, Houghton County	X		
Mary Babcock, City of Hancock (alt.)	X		
Ron Blau, City of Hancock			X
Marlene Broemer, Ontonagon County			X
Mark Bromley, Iron County	X		
Joseph Erickson, Village of Ontonagon (alt.)			X
Robert LaFave, Village of L'Anse			X
Cheri Lampinen, Houghton County	X		
Paul Lehto, Calumet Charter Township			X
Jim Lorenson, Gogebic County	X		
Josh Loukus, Houghton County			X
Lyle Olsen, Baraga County	X		
Bruce Petersen, Portage Charter Township			X
Jeff Ratcliffe, KEDA (<i>ex officio</i>)			X
Mary Sears, Houghton County			X
Tony Smydra, Village of Ontonagon			X
Mike Stafford, Iron County	X		
John Sullivan, City of Houghton			X
Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County	X		
MaryEllen Hyttinen, Office Mgr., WUPPDR		X	
Jerald Wuorenmaa, Exec. Director, WUPPDR		X	

Call to Order: Robert Nousiainen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM (ET).

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Robert Nousiainen.

Welcome New Commissioners: Lyle Olsen, Baraga County; Mark Bromley, Iron County; Patti Peretto, Iron County; Mike Stafford, Iron County

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Koskela, 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.

Glenn Anderson, Hancock, MI, Houghton County; Mary Babcock, Hancock, MI, Houghton County; Joe Bonovetz, Bessemer, MI, Gogebic County; Albert Koskela, Houghton County, Traprock Valley; Cheri Lampinen, Chassell, MI, Houghton County; Jim Lorensen, Erwin Township, Gogebic County, MI; Patti Peretto, Iron County, Crystal Falls, MI; Bill Rolof, Baraga County, L'Anse, MI; Mike Stafford, Iron County, Iron River, MI; Bob Nousiainen, Bruce Crossing, MI, Ontonagon County, Lyle Olsen, Baraga County, L'Anse, MI; Mark Bromley, Iron County, Crystal Falls, MI.

Election of Officers: Hyttinen explained the Executive Committee has unanimously voted in the new officers, which automatically move up in position every two years. Hyttinen read the out-going officers and new officers moving up. Koskela is a member of the Executive Committee but will be without title. Moved by Koskela, supported by Bonovetz to approve the new officers. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes (December 21, 2020): Moved by Koskela, supported by Lorensen to approve the December 21, 2020 Full Commission minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills Paid: Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Peretto to accept the paid bills from December 1 – December 31, 2020, totaling \$62,811.50. Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Anderson, Babcock, Bonovetz, Bromley, Koskela, Lampinen, Lorensen, Olsen, Peretto, Rolof, Stafford, Nousiainen. **Nays:** None. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

Executive Director's Update: The 3-yr. EDA grant has been started; Pandemic Response and Resiliency Plan under EDA will be finished next month, stakeholder mtg. via video on Feb. 25, 2021 at 10AM ET; website has been updated; new logo will be getting phased in soon; MEDC application period has been opened for Small Business Survival Grants (Tom Tikkanen entered, 5:18 ET)

2021 Meeting Schedule: Nousiainen announced two date changes to the proposed 2021 Meeting Schedule: April 19 and October 18. Moved by Stafford, supported by Bonovetz to approve the revised schedule. Motion carried.

Other Business: Executive Committee agreed in consideration of the OMA, to waive Bylaws to allow voting via telephone.

Moved by Bonovetz, supported by Stafford to waive our bylaws in order to have the state OMA to allow for voting by call-in, only if video is unable to happen. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Moved by Koskela, supported by Rolof that the meeting adjourn at 5:23 PM (ET). Motion carried.


Robert Nousiainen, Chair (in lieu of Secretary)