



Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! County Commissioner Board Meeting Minutes August 6, 2020

I. Call to Order, Gerald Corkin, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Board Chair, Gerry Corkin; Jerry Doucette, Alger County; Gail Eilola, Baraga County; Patrick Johnson, Delta County; Joe Stevens, Dickinson County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County; Bernie Lang, Menominee County; and Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County.

Excused:

Don McLean, Chippewa County; Tim Aho, Iron County; Bob DeMarois, Keweenaw County; Kevin Erickson, Luce County; Paul Krause, Mackinac County; and Craig Reiter, Schoolcraft County.

UP Michigan Works! Staff:

William Raymond, CEO, Michelle Viau, CFO and Tracy Roberts, Administrative Services Manager.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Nykanen

Supported by Commissioner Bonovetz

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2020 board meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2020 was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was supported by Commissioner Lang. The motion passed.

VI. Financial Report

- A. Grant Status & Overview
- B. Line Item Budget Report
- C. Voucher Review Report

CEO Raymond spoke to the financial reports. He indicated that there is a little flexibility this year as far as the carry over of funds due to COVID-19.

There was a question from Commissioner Stevens: Regarding Page 10 of the packet: on Summer Youth Professionals: Commissioner Stevens has been trying to get this funding for Dickinson County – he would like to follow up on this with Bill and also to know if the



\$75K was spent and in what counties. CEO Raymond indicated that he will follow-up with Commissioner Stevens on the matter.

A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Commissioner Corkin and was supported by Commissioner Nykanen. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business

A. UPMW Strategic Plan update

Janie McNabb, UPMW's One-Stop Operator reviewed the most updated plan with the board and introduced a new dashboard.

UPMW has assigned different managers to 5 categories of work to implement for the Strategic Plan. For example, internal and external training for the workforce. Strategic goals have been developed that have some measurable targets, as well as looking at the impacts after implementation. UPMW would like to share this report and dashboard with the board at least once a year.

B. UPMW Dashboard June 2020

A motion was made to accept UPMW Strategic update and dashboard by Commissioner Nykanen and was supported by Commissioner Stevens. The motion passed.

The Commissioners had some comments/question on the strategic update:

Commissioner Bonovetz commented on the excellent presentation, and great information. He asked, how many MI Works staff does it take to pull this together, and how much interaction do we have with the One-Stop Operator? Janie, One-Stop Operator, explains that she is not able to act as an actual employee, but she interacts almost daily on creation of the plans, goals, baselines, reports and alignment. She works extensively over months with the management team, and then she works with several staff to pull together the numbers and data. Commissioner Tikkanen agreed that it was a very meaningful presentation. He asks if the dashboard will be part of every meeting going forward, and she indicated yes. Commissioner Stevens gave positive feedback, saying that he really likes the dashboard to look at and analyze data.

VIII. New Business

A. Action Items – Recommended Motions

1. Resolution to approve Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! Nepotism and Conflict of Interest Local Policy

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was supported by Commissioner Tikkanen. The motion passes unanimously.

2. UPMW WIOA 2020 Combined Local & Regional Plan Summary

a. PI 20-07: WIOA 2020 Combined Local and Regional Plan Motion

Every 4 years we must do our combined Regional and Local plan. This is of a standard procedure, but we worked with a larger team this year to involve a lot of levels and get feedback and collaboration with our partners as well as across organization.

Motion to approve the 2020 UPMW WIOA Local & Regional Combined plan was made by Commissioner Corkin and was supported by Commissioner Nykanen.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. PI 20-14: WIOA Adult DW Youth AY20 Allocations



Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Tikkanen and was supported by Commissioner Eilola. The motion passed.

4. PI 20-15: WIOA Statewide Activities Funding for Youth
Motion to approve the policy was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was supported by Commissioner Nykanen. The motion passed unanimously.
5. PI 20-16: Capacity Building and Professional Development
A motion to approve the Capacity Building and Professional Development Policy was made by Commissioner Nykanen and then supported by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passed.
6. PI 20-17: Employment Services
The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Corkin and then supported by Commissioner Bonovetz. The motion passed.
7. PI 20-18: CRM Motion
Motion to approve the CRM motion was made by Commissioner Eilola and supported by Commissioner Nykanen and the motion passed.
8. PI 20-19: RESEA Motion
Commissioner Johnson makes a motion to approve; Commissioner Doucette supports, and the motion is passed.
9. PI 20-20: JMG funding Motions
A motion to approve made by Commissioner Bonovetz and supported by Commissioner Eilola. The motion passes unanimously.

VIII. Reports

- A. Chairman – Board Chairmen Commissioner Corkin spoke about the work involved ahead for the new Michigan Launch Initiative. There are lots of high-tech jobs to come in, plus all kinds of service and manufacturing jobs which will provide a lot of opportunities for the U.P. There's still a long way to go to make it all happen and we are happy to make this happen up here.

Commissioner Stevens comments on the fantastic news. The process as it moves forward, maybe this board should come up with a resolution in favor of supporting the MLI. Board Chair Corkin says there may be a need for that, as some people are opposing, but there is also a lot of support in favor of the launch as well. Overall, there is good support among the citizens. There are always negatives and something we must deal with any projects in the U.P. There will be a presentation by the developer to answer questions, and the project will be well vetted. This project will tie in with our educational institutions with education and training for these kinds of jobs.

Commissioner Eilola asks if Commissioner Corkin will pass a resolution at his next board meeting, and then he can share with this board, and also can share with UPACC.

A motion was made to have Tracy draft letter of support for the MLI. The motion was moved by Commissioner Tikkanen and supported by Commissioner Nykanen. Tracy and Bill to work with Commissioner Gerry Corkin to get a letter together.



Commissioner Nykanen adds that a letter from this board would show strong optimism. Commissioner Tikkanen suggests circulating the letter to the board members once it's drafted. Tracy to draft letter and will get out to the board.

B. CEO – Sent via email from Bill Raymond

CEO Raymond talked about his report; highlights were shared about the new Marinette Marine contract. Commissioner Tikkanen advised that part of that contract has work coming all the way from Houghton County.

IX. Communications

A. Real-Time Labor Demand, Prosperity Region 1, June 2020

B. June 2020 Fast Facts

Motion to approve Communications from Commissioner Nykanen and supported by Commissioner Corkin.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned approximately 2:49 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, Oct 30th.