



Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! County Commissioner Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2021

I. Call to Order, Gerald Corkin, Chair

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by board chair Gerry Corkin.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Board Chair, Gerry Corkin; Jerry Doucette, Alger County; Patrick Johnson, Delta County; Mark Stauber, Iron County; Phyllis French, Luce County; Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County; Gale Eilola, Baraga County; Joe Stevens, Dickinson County; and Paul Krause, Mackinac County.

Excused:

Bernie Lang, Menominee County; Scott Shackleton, Chippewa County; and Bob DeMarois, Keweenaw 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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Krause and was supported by Commissioner Bonovetz. The motion passes.

V. Approval of Minutes from October 30, 2020 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from October 30, 2020 was made by Commissioner Nykanen and was supported by Commissioner Eilola. The minutes were approved.

VI. Financial Report

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

CEO Raymond comments that the grant status is on track. He states that UPMW will have more funding due to the GoingPro contracts being awarded. The grants team just submitted a proposal for the State Apprenticeship Expansion. Commissioner Corkin makes motion to accept both to file. Supported by Commissioner Doucette.

VII. Old Business – None

VIII. New Business

- A. Action Items – Recommended Motions

1. PI 20-03 change 1 – Business Resource Network Program
A motion to approve PI 20-03 was made by Commissioner Doucette and was supported by Commissioner Johnson. The motion is passed.
2. PI 21-01 – WIOA Integrated Education and Training Program
A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Bonovetz supported by Commissioner Krause. The motion passes unanimously.
3. PI 21-02 - MWSP Instructions for CY2021
A motion to approve the PI 21-02 was made by Commissioner Doucette and was supported by Commissioner Tikkanen. The motion passes.

VIII. Reports

- A. Chairman
Chairman Commissioner Corkin shares that Chippewa county was picked to be control center for the spaceport project. The Commissioner says that this is good news for the U.P. If all approvals are granted over the next few years, 2023 will be the date for the operation center in Chippewa. 2025 would be for the launch in Marquette. It will be exciting to get the funding and approvals will mean a lot of good jobs in the U.P.
- B. CEO
CEO Raymond goes into further detail about the CEO report. Commissioner Stevens had a few questions. Commissioner Stevens references the \$15/hour minimum wage increase. He wonders how that will be dealt with in the future, from a UPMW perspective. CEO Raymond indicates that with the current stimulus, it appears there will be an extra \$300 stimulus for unemployment, which is half than the first stimulus and we will have to see how that works out with workers behavior and jobs outlook. He indicates that he has not heard much about it affecting whether workers want to go back to work or not. Commissioner Stevens asked if there were any other industries that they are worried about it. CEO Raymond indicates no; he has not heard about any specific industry concerns. Chair Corkin indicates that he understands and fully supports people working full-time. He comments that several of the states across the country have already done it (raised minimum wage to \$15) with little negative impact. Bill Raymond indicates he will keep the board informed on this topic.

IX. Communications

- A. Civilian Labor Force Estimates, Prosperity Region 1, December 2020
 - B. Michigan Jobless Rates Advances in November
 - C. Michigan Job Trends by Industry Sector
 - D. December 2020 Fast Facts
 - E. Updated UPMW LEO Board Schedule
- A motion to accept for file the Communications as presented is made by Commissioner Nykanen and supported by Commissioner Corkin.

X. Member updates

XI. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next UPMW LEO Full Board meeting is scheduled for Thurs, May 7th, immediately following the UPACC.

Meeting was adjourned at approx. 10:27 a.m.