

**Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! County Commissioner  
Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2022**

**I. Call to Order, Gerald Corkin, Chair**

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Board Chair, Gerald Corkin, Marquette County; Eslie Matson, Alger County; Patrick Johnson, Delta County; Mark Stauber, Iron County; Phyllis French, Luce County; Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Gretchen Jannsen, Houghton County; and Joe Stevens, Dickinson County.

**UP Michigan Works! Staff:**

William Raymond, CEO; Michelle Viau, CFO; and Margo Anderson, HR Director.

**III. Public Comment**

None.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to add meeting schedule and CEO Raymond's time in Escanaba office under old business and approve the amended agenda was made by Bonovetz and seconded by French. The motion passes.

**V. Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2022, meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 3 meeting was made by Commissioner Nykanen and was supported by Commissioner Stevens. The motion passes.

**VI. New Business**

**Action Items**

A. Policy Issuance 22-02

A motion to approve the policy issuance was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was supported by Commissioner Stauber. The motion passes.

Policy Issuance 22-03

A motion to approve the policy issuance was made by Commissioner Stauber and was supported by Commissioner Stevens. The motion passes.

B. Proposed Bylaws Change Regarding Quorum/Number of Executive Committee Members. Corkin explained committee needs to have less than eight (8) present to make recommendations to full board. He asked the board to consider how many desired. Raymond explained this is a change to current bylaws. Executive Committee does not constitute a quorum so not subject to Open Meetings Act. Stevens recommended bylaw change come to upcoming organization meeting.

C. Appointment of New Workforce Board Members. Raymond informed appointments will be made in August. Massicotte (WD Board member present) requested private sector and regional balance be considered.

- D. Wagner/Peyser Issue with US Department of Labor. Raymond gave lengthy explanation of MI waiver for local, merit staff and the DoL's rule to deny waiver. Proposed federal rule impacts waiver for three states. Waiver allows UPMW to braid funding (cross-train) staff who are hired directly. Statewide approx. 440 people provide W-P services or 220 FTE. The State is gathering information to show current system is effective. UP is one of five MWs most impacted. Working with state and federal legislators to address. Currently in the 60 day public comment period. Resolution templates will be forwarded.

## **VII. Financial Report**

- A. Grant Status & Overview - CEO Raymond informed all reports are through end of March 2022. No concerns, on target. CFO Viau agreed.  
A motion to pay vouchers was made by Corkin and seconded by Nykanen.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- A. The meeting schedule was discussed. Commissioner Bonovetz informed all Senator McBroom's office was unable to provide clarity regarding in-person meeting requirements for UPMW. A motion to approve the meeting schedule and have an organizational meeting in October was made by Bonovetz and supported by Johnson. The motion passed.
- B. There was an inquiry how much time CEO Raymond spends in Escanaba office. Raymond responded and referenced current schedule in multiple offices. Raymond continued to describe a hybrid model going forward that involves virtual and in person activities. Corkin made brief comments regarding the geographic challenges of the organization noting good people and productivity are what's important. Corkin expressed confidence CEO has good people under him and communicates. If issues are brought to Commissioners locally, it is their responsibility to bring to CEO and Board. Doucette was able to join the meeting and expressed concerns with quorum for voting, states he is working with legislators to get resolution.

## **VIII. Reports**

- A. Chair – Corkin acknowledged clean annual audit and gave a brief explanation of ARPA expenditures.
- B. CEO - will come under separate cover.

## **IX. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

The next Board meeting will be on August 4 at 1:00 pm in the Escanaba office.