

U.P. RC&D Council Minutes
UP RC&D Council Meeting – June 5, 2015

Board Members Present: Bill Rice-Dickinson CD, Ally Dale-Marquette CD, Jen Ricker-Iron CD (by teleconference), Howard Haulotte-Delta CD, and Darcy Rutkowski-UP RC&D Council Executive Director

Board Members Absent: Nathan Fazer (resigned effective today)

Others Present: Quinn Collins - UP RC&D AmeriCorps Member, Jim Hill-Mackinac County Commissioner, and Bill Menge-Baraga County Commissioner

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Executive Director Darcy Rutkowski

Approval of Agenda: Rice made a motion to accept the agenda with no changes or additions. Dale seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Rice to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2015, seconded by Ricker. Motion passed.

Financial Reports: The Executive Director (ED) presented the Balance Sheet for May 31, 2015 and the Profit and Loss statement for the period January 1 through May 31, 2015. The combined balance in all accounts as of May 31, 2015 was \$31,582.09. The Profit and Loss Statement for the period January 1, 2012 through May 31, 2015 was also presented to provide a broader view of Council finances. ED noted that since May 31 payroll taxes have been paid and she has requested \$6,122 for reimbursement of grant expenses and the effective balance today is just over \$30,000. A motion was made by Dale, seconded by Rice to place the financial reports on file. Motion passed.

Business Items:

Board Member Resignation/Elect New Chairperson: UP RC&D Council chairman, Nathan Fazer, submitted a letter of resignation from the board on April 1, 2015 which stated that he would remain on the board until today's meeting when a new chairperson could be elected. Haulotte made a motion to nominate Bill Rice as chairman and that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rice, and the motion was seconded by Ricker. Motion passed.

New Board Member Recruitment: ED will reach out to the Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac CD, Alger and Schoolcraft CDs, Menominee CD and County, Houghton County, the Sault tribe and KBIC to see if any of the people who have attended RC&D meetings as representatives of those entities would be interested in being board members. The bylaws state that we should have 7, 9 or 11 board members and that is the goal. Members present at this meeting will also try to identify potential board members and pass suggestions to the ED.

County Dues Update: Letters and invoices requesting dues from the counties were mailed on April 1, 2015 along with a Project Update document for 2014. Dues have been received from 8 counties (Mackinac, Marquette, Chippewa, Keweenaw, Houghton, Baraga, Menominee and Iron).

Children's Museum Lease Renewal: A new 6 month lease was signed by chairman Rice which is effective from July 1 to December 31, 2015. The rent is unchanged at \$224/month.

AmeriCorps Member Update: UP RC&D Council AmeriCorps member, Quinn Collins provided an update on his activities for the past 3 months. One highlight was spending the week in Big Bay at the Marquette schools 7th grade science camp where he interacted with more than 200 students.

Update on Grant Awards & Grant-funded Projects: Darcy provided a summary of some of the most important grant-funded project activities. She is focusing on completing the Quality Assurance Project Plan for the new EPA grant, and the rest of the staff have been working on determining landownership for shoreline sections where we hope to treat non-

native phragmites this fall. UP RC&D is also conducting some invasive plant control work in the KISMA area.

Correspondence: The only correspondence was the letter of resignation from Fazer which was forwarded to the board at the time it was submitted to ED.

Adjournment: Dale made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Haulotte. Motion passed.

Future Meeting Dates: September 11 (teleconference), and December 4 (UP RC&D office). All meetings at 10 am Eastern time.