

U.P. RC&D Council Minutes
UP RC&D Council Meeting, Marquette, MI – June 6, 2014

Board Members Present: Bob Larson & Ken Marshall -Western UP RC&D; Bill Rice, Howard Haulotte & Teri Grout – Central UP RC&D; Nathan Fazer – Eastern UP RC&D; Darcy Rutkowski-UP RC&D Council Executive Director

Board Members Absent: Bob Black– excused due to conflicts with work schedule.

Others Present: Anton Pintar-Houghton Co., Barb VanAlstine-Ottawa Natl. Forest, and Dan Watt-UP RC&D Council AmeriCorps Member

Call to Order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Chairman Larson. Member and visitor introductions were made.

Agenda & Minutes: A motion was made by Haulotte, seconded by Fazer to approve the agenda with the additional of “County Dues Request” under Business Items. Motion passed. Haulotte made a motion, seconded by Rice to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2014. Motion passed.

Financial Report: The Executive Director (ED) presented the Balance Sheet for May, 31, 2014 and the Profit and Loss statement for the period January 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014. The combined balance in all accounts as of May 31, 2014 was \$37,087.07. The Profit and Loss Statement for the period January 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014 was also presented to provide a broader view of Council finances. During that time period the EDs salary was funded approximately 96% by grant funds, and only 4% by unrestricted funds. A motion was made by Marshall, seconded by Haulotte to place the financial reports on file. Motion passed.

Business Items:

County Dues Request: ED developed a draft letter for the counties and a Project Updates document which will be sent to the counties with their dues request for 2014. The letter refers to the bylaw revisions as well.

AmeriCorps Position Update: Dan Watt reported on his activities since beginning service with the Council. He has created three issues of the Upper Peninsula Invasives Council (UPIC) e-news. This electronic newsletter is being used as a tool to increase the communication and collaboration among the 5 UP Invasive Species Coalitions. Dan is also working with several schools and classes and spent a week at Bay Cliff for the Bothwell 7th grade science camp where he made contact with over 200 students. He will be mapping phragmites and educating landowners about that project and helping to organize the annual Northern Great Lakes Invasive Species Conference before his term ends.

Discuss and Vote on Revised Bylaws: Haulotte made a motion, seconded by Grout to approve the most recent draft of the revised bylaws which had been sent to all council members by the ED (see attached). Motion passed.

Annual Meeting Planning: The date of the Annual Meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 3, 2014. The committee responsible for planning the Annual Meeting is Grout, Fazer and Marshall. One location suggested for holding the Annual Meeting was the Peter White Public Library.

Review Committee Assignments:

Executive Committee – Larson, Haulotte, Fazer

Finance Committee – Fazer, Black, Marshall

Personnel Committee – Larson, Haulotte, Marshall

Membership Committee – Grout, Fazer, Marshall

PROJECTS: Project Update document provided to all in attendance.

Public Comment: Pintar & VanAlstine both gave brief updates of activities of the organization they represent.

Correspondence: None

Adjourn: Motion by Fazer, seconded by Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm. Motion passed.

Future Meeting Dates: August 1 (teleconference), October 3 (UP Council Office), and December 5 (teleconference).