

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Wednesday, November 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. in the Escanaba City Council Chambers, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, Delta County.

Present: Escanaba City Mayor Marc D. Tall, Escanaba City Manager James V. O'Toole, Escanaba City Clerk Robert S. Richards, Gladstone City Manager Darla Falcon, Bark River Township Supervisor Greg Johnson, Steve Rose of Cornell Township, Wells Township Supervisor William Farley, Amy Berglund of Senator Carl Levin's Office, Jim Caszatt District Staff Member from State Senator Tom Casperson's Office, Rhiannon Haller of CUPPAD, members of the public and media.

Escanaba City Manager Jim O'Toole called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

Update - Next Michigan Development Zone – Superior Trade Zone

Jim O'Toole gave an update on the interlocal agreement which creates the Superior Trade Zone as a Next Michigan Development Corporation.

- Articles of Incorporation were reviewed and signed by the Governor's Office. They were then sent to the Attorney General's Office for Legal review. Process should be completed by Thanksgiving.
- Hannahville 2% start-up funds were not funded. Seeking other funding.

Discussion – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and Regional Prosperity Initiative Update.

Community Planner Rhiannon Haller, CUPPAD Regional Commission, discussed the nomination process on the CEDS and gave an update on the Regional Prosperity Initiative. Items included:

- CUPPAD was currently accepting CEDS Applications for projects for the region;
- Economic Development Projects that would qualify included projects such as Industrial Park Projects, new businesses, and recreational plans which would encourage tourism;
- Municipalities seeking information or help with an application were asked to contact Ms. Haller.

Discussion – Items of Mutual Interest and Concern.

Those in attendance provided Items of Mutual Interest and Concern in their municipalities.

Committee Member Announcements and Updates.

Next scheduled meeting was December 12, 2014.

Hearing no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.