UPPER EXPLORERLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (UERPC)
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2026 MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Keatley, Ray Peterson, Bruce Lehmann, Leon Griebenow, Pat Murray, Shirley Vermace and Mark Vick

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachelle Howe, April Bril, Aaron Detter, Jodi Emery, and Diana Johnson

Chair Vermace called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was requested for approval of the agenda. The motion was made by Keatley; seconded by Griebenow. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was requested for approval of the minutes of May 22, 2025, executive board meeting. Motion by Murray; seconded by Vick. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC GARDEN: April Bril and Aaron Detter were in attendance to discuss a request to the Board regarding the installation of a pilot traffic garden in the UERPC parking lot. Bril explained that the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program had been awarded a $3,000 grant from the Decorah Sustainability Commission. She noted that the traffic garden would not replace existing SRTS programming but would instead serve as an additional resource and provide a valuable space for both children and adults to strengthen bicycle and pedestrian safety education. Board members went outside to view the proposed space and expressed concerns regarding potential additional insurance costs, liability issues, the loss of parking spaces, and some logistical aspects of the proposed layout. They requested additional data from other traffic gardens and suggested an alternative layout for consideration. A motion was made by Griebenow; seconded by Peterson to table the discussion until additional information could be obtained from Bril and Detter. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

FLOOR ITEMS: There were no floor items.

NEXT MEETING: There was no date scheduled for the next Executive Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Murray; seconded by Peterson to adjourn the meeting. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.

The above constitutes my interpretation of the matters discussed and the decisions reached. Please contact the undersigned for any corrections or omissions.

/s/ Diana Johnson, Recording Secretary