

Keweenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
December 17, 2019

Present-Ray Chase, Bill Griffin, Steven Karpiak, Mike Musiel, Erika Vye
Absent-Mark Klemp, Chuck Bennetts (Chair)
Guest-Lori Mullins MEDC (Conference Call)

In the absence of Chuck, Ray was appointed Chair. Ray called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Steven moved, Bill second, to approve the agenda as printed. Passed unanimously.

Bill moved, Mike second, to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019, as printed. Passed unanimously.

No new correspondence.

Previous Business – Discussion of asbestos with EGLE tabled until Spring. No AECOM/URS RI report issued yet. Our contact person with this agency has retired, with no new person appointed yet. Discussed contacting our US Representative and Senators to get the Air Force to more on this. Nothing new to report on the County State Land Bank status of Mt Horace Greeley. The County Clerk needs to send the original resolution establishing this Authority to the state Office of the Great Seal. Ray will follow up on this.

New Business – Lori presented an overview of Opportunity Zones. Member lab tops allowed members to view material discussed. There is a big tax incentive for investors. The program started in 2017 and goes through 2028. There are deadlines to watch and use. Lori provided related email links. The Zones are investment oriented with the state playing a small roll. Much discussion. Jeff Hawkins of Envirologic (environmental consulting firm) could help with this. Discussion on value of consultant and when to use.

Ray asked for public comment at 7:37 pm. There was no public comment.

The Authority will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of every even numbered month at 6:30 pm in 2020. The secretary will make the schedule and email to the members and County.

Bill moved, Mike second, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 6:30 pm at the Keweenaw County Courthouse in Eagle River, Michigan.

Submitted,

Steven Karpiak, Secretary