

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee

November 4, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at the Keweenaw County Court House was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Raymond Chase.

ROLL CALL: Present: R. Chase, J. Sturos, D. Secor, D. Huovinen, T. O'Callaghan, R. Schaefer, N. Huwatschek, D. Keith

Excused: S. Chase, D. Sundberg

AGENDA: Approved as submitted.

MINUTES: Motion, Secor, support O'Callaghan, to approve the October 7, 2009, EDC Minutes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Goods and services in Keweenaw County. December agenda item.
- Mission Statement:
 - EDC Mission Statement presented by Raymond Chase as follows:

To stimulate economic growth by assisting existing businesses as well as new entrepreneurs in developing viable and sustainable businesses through grants, non-profits, and other special programs while maintaining the uniqueness of Keweenaw County and preserving the quality of life for its citizens.

MOTION, Don Keith, support, Tom O'Callaghan, to adopt the Mission Statement as presented. Motion passed without objection.

- Keweenaw County Web Site Enhancement: Don Secor will contact Charlie Eshbach. Follow-up information to be presented in December.
- HFR – MHG site proposal- Raymond Chase: No new communications.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – David Sundberg: No report
- Great Sand Bay Project-Don Keith: Request for EDC to retroactively support Keweenaw County Commissioners vote to allocate \$10,000.00 from the EDC fund to purchase property to facilitate requisite facilities required in the \$450,000.00 Michigan Department of Transportation grant. Request denied due to lack of support.

- Role of EDC discussed. EDC to request Keweenaw County Commissioners to validate the function of and to outline the protocol EDC is to follow. Are recommendations of the eight panel EDC given due diligence regarding decisions the County Commissioners make in allocating EDC funds?
- CD presented to EDC will be duplicated and distributed to members.
- EDC members to read news article regarding wood pellet manufacturing for December meeting.
- Biomass Technology Update – John Dodge: Trend is production of pellets for residential use. Most wood pellets manufactured in the USA are exported. New plants are using round wood.

Meeting adjourned, 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Darleen M. Huovinen