

*Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee*

*Draft Meeting Minutes*

*July 7, 2010*

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Raymond Chase, John Sturos, Ned Huwatschek, Donald Keith, Shari Chase, Richard Schaefer, David Sundburg, Donald Secor, Darleen Huovinen

Excused: Peggy Kauppi

**AGENDA:** Motion by David Sundburg, supported by Shari Chase, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Shari Chase, supported by David Sundburg, to approve the June 2, 2010, EDC Minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** Raymond Chase

Keweenaw County Board has requested Chase to partner with Frank Stubenrauch to dispose of scrap metal at Mt. Horace Greeley.

**GUEST SPEAKER(S):** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Keweenaw County Economic Development Plan Committee Reports*

Communications Infrastructure

- Shari Chase: Sent a letter to Verizon on June 12, 2010 requesting procedures to follow to increase cellular phone service in Keweenaw County. Received a "form letter" response that did not answer inquiries.
- Darleen Huovinen: Will contact legislative entities for assistance is requesting increased cellular phone service in Keweenaw County.

Bio-mass Technology:

- Raymond Chase: Attended the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting held at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge on June 22, 2010. Presented information from EDC plans to explore the development of a bio mass production facility in Keweenaw County. Emphasis was on bio fuels not wood pellet production. Kathy Cole, Michigan EDC, indicated Michigan is supportive of initiatives creating bio fuels.
- Warden Electric seeking long term supply of raw materials.
- WUPDR will assist in writing grant proposals to fund a bio fuel production site feasibility study.

- Melissa Davis, New Power Tour, Inc. is assisting with researching bio fuel equipment.

#### Keweenaw County Recreational Trails

- Raymond Chase- Application to officially designate the Keweenaw Trail System has passed DNRE scrutiny and is proceeding in the review process. Trail Insurance has been purchased.

#### Keweenaw County Court House Renovation

- On-going: Darleen Huovinen and Raymond Chase will review information received from Richard Thomas.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: David Sundberg – Michigan has an expanded version as to what constitutes a clean-up. Grants are available related to economic development and Brownfield projects.
- Trails Report: Raymond Chase – Information covered in Economic Development Committee Reports ( See Above)
- Bio Fuel Technology: Donald Secor – A company has patented a process to convert plant oils into diesel and jet fuels. Will present data to EDC at a later date.

- EDC Chairman and Vice Chairman Appointments:

Motion, Don Keith, supported by Don Secor to inform Keweenaw County Commissioners that Raymond Chase shall serve as EDC Chairman until December 31, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion, Raymond Chase, supported by John Sturos to inform the Keweenaw County Commissioners that David Sundburg will serve as EDC Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

- Keweenaw County Communications:

Motion, Richard Schaefer, supported by John Sturos to inform the Keweenaw County Commissioners a need to improve communications in Keweenaw County offices has been identified and that the EDC recommends all county offices post their internet addresses on the Keweenaw County web site and utilize Voice Mail® services. Don Keith will present the information to the County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

#### ***NEXT EDC MEETING: August 4, 2010, 6:30 P.M., Keweenaw County Courthouse***

Motion to adjourn, Shari Chase. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Darleen M. Huovinen

MINUTES APPROVED: September 1, 2010