

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2011

Meeting held at the Keweenaw County Courthouse was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Raymond Chase.

ROLL CALL: Present: Richard Schaefer, Don Secor, Raymond Chase, John Sturos, Shari Chase, David Sundberg, Don Piche, Peg Kauppi, Ned Huwatschek, Darleen Huovinen

AGENDA: Motion by John Sturos, supported by Shari Chase, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Don Secor, supported by Shari Chase to approve the April 6, 2011 EDC Minutes. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Keweenaw County Communications Infrastructure: Shari Chase – No new information was received from Pasty.Net regarding upgrading internet services in Keweenaw County.
- Bio-mass Technology: Raymond Chase –Working with SER Engineering to secure a cost analysis for a bio-mass plant. Contacts made with potential buyers of bio-mass. Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners gave verbal approval to utilize Mt. Horace Greeley as a production site.
- Keweenaw County Recreation Trails: Raymond Chase- *Keweenaw ATV Trails* Maps were presented. Raymond and Shari Chase were thanked for working diligently to produce the maps. Trail dedication will be held on May 28, 2011 in Phoenix. Raymond has been invited to speak at the Governors ORV Advisory Committee Meeting in Lansing, Michigan on May 11, 2011.
- KC Court House Renovation: Don Piche – OMH Engineering, Hancock, Michigan, visited courthouse grounds. Courthouse is in dire need of structural repairs. OMH will attend the May Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners Meeting, research if the courthouse is designated historic building and recommend grants for historic buildings.
- Keweenaw County Manager: Board Discussion- *Duties and Responsibilities of a County Manager or Controller*: Pursuant to information related to statutory requirements, discussion was tabled until the June 1, 2011 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: David Sundberg – Louisiana Pacific and Mt. Horace Greeley moved into Phase II planning. No progress in obtaining a property deed from LP. Deed of property will be in the ownership of Brownfield. Refresher on the operation of Brownfield was presented. Approval to do assessments on the Gay School and a former gas station in Mohawk, Michigan was approved. Federal funding is no longer available for assessments. Future Brownfield funding is designated for clean up and rebuilding.
- Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek – No report.
- Board of Commissioners: Don Piche- Mountain Lodge financial situation being reviewed. Courthouse repairs-Cost estimates for renovations have been requested.
- Copper Harbor Recreational Trails Club: Peg Kauppi – No report.
- EDC Projects: Shari Chase-Recommended identifying new projects related to services, business opportunities, promotional events and grass roots marketing to economically benefit Keweenaw County. TABLED TO THE JUNE 1, 2011 meeting.

Public Comments: None

NEXT EDC MEETING: June 1, 2011, 6:30 P.M., Keweenaw County Courthouse

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. was made by David Sundberg.

Respectfully submitted:

Darleen M. Huovinen

Minutes approved: June 1, 2011