

**Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee
June 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03p.m. by chairman, Dan Harri.

Members present: Dan Harri, Don Piche, John Sturos, Jill Protzel, Don Secor, and Ned Huwatschek.

Member(s) absent: Peg Kauppi and Gina Nicholas

The June meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Ned Huwatschek, seconded by John Sturos. Motion carried.

Minutes of the May 14th, 2014 meeting were read and approved with a motion by John Sturos, seconded by Ned Huwatschek. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s): none

Old Business –

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails (KCRT): Don Piche reported that the KCRT has applied for grants, but they have not yet received the results. Both Houghton and Keweenaw counties have donated \$100 to start a bank account for the committee. Piche recommended looking for state funds to use toward purchasing easements for the trail system. Currently the trail system relies upon year to year easements with private land owners.

KC Communications infrastructure: Don Secor reported that the courthouse got the equipment to record trials, but the internet connection is not strong enough to support it. The speed of the internet in the county needs to be increased.

KC Marketing: Dan Harri needs third quarter Keweenaw event information emailed to him (keweenawmountainlodgeresort@gmail.com) as soon as possible to get the posters printed and distributed. The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge entry will be cleaned up/ landscaped by the county jail prisoners. Harri recommends some beautification/ updating of the signage leading into Copper Harbor. A plastic, weather-proof box will be placed at the Keweenaw welcome sign to house the dining and lodging guides. Harri also recommends moving the Frisbee golf course to a more visible location. Don Piche questioned if the course was built with grant money, can it be changed?

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek reported that the representative from AT&T was a no-show at the last meeting. The planning commission is going to send letters to state representative to try and get support.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche reported that bids are out for all entries to the courthouse to be redone. Piche also reported that a new cell tower will replace the current tower on the Eagle Harbor cutoff road. Once this new tower is complete, both the Delaware and Medora towers will be active. The county is also looking into building a new tower at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge instead of Brockway Mountain.

New Business –

The Keweenaw County Business Exchange will be held at the KML on Wednesday, October 1st from 6-8p.m. this year.

Public Comments: none

On a motion by Dan Harri, seconded by Don Secor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.