

Keweenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
October 15, 2019

Present-Ray Chase, Mike Musiel, Steven Karpiak, Mark Klemp, Chuck Bennetts (Chair), Bill Griffin, Erika Vye
Absent-None
Guest-Eric Hermanson (Keweenaw County Treasurer)

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Ray moved, Mark second, to approve the agenda as printed. Passed unanimously.

Ray moved, Chuck second, to approve the minutes of August 20, 2019, as printed. Passed unanimously.

No new correspondence.

Previous Business – Ray had nothing to report on EGLE asbestos inspection of Mt. Horace Greeley. Bill reported that AECOM/URS RI report is still being revised following the State's request for revisions after reviewing the first draft.

New Business – Eric explained and discussed with the Authority the concept of a County and State Land Bank and how it could be applied to the Mt. Horace Greeley site. Basically, taking poor, blighted, and/or polluted land, clean it up, have it developed, and returned to the tax roll with State and private assistance. As a first step, the County is getting an official appraisal of the Mt. Horace Greeley properties. The appraisal will be submitted to the federal GSA to get the process moving. A Land Bank designation would help in receiving money from the State for the Brownfield site. Much discussion. Eric also mentioned the this Authority has no official status with the State of Michigan. Bill volunteered to look into this.

Bill provided additional information on how this process would work using the Pugsley Correctional Facility as an example. He distributed a handout and discussed the concept of an Opportunity Zone. This is a US Dept. of Commerce designation and Keweenaw County is a part of this. Individuals and companies can invest in these Zones for future returns. Some discussion. Bill will contact Jen Tucker to see if she is available to attend the Authority's December meeting to discuss this further.

Chuck asked for public comment at 7:58 pm. There was no public comment.

Jen Tucker and Jeff Hawkins (Invirologic) will be invited to attend future Authority meetings.

Ray moved, Bill second, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 6:30 pm at the Keweenaw County Courthouse in Eagle River, Michigan.

Submitted,

Steven Karpiak, Secretary