

CALL TO ORDER: February 19, 2008 - 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Janet Shea, Chairperson
Randy Eckloff, County Commission Representative
Al Gunnari, County Commission Representative
Frank Stubenrauch, County Commission Representative
Don Keith, County Commission Representative
Joe Langdon, County Commission Representative
Fritz Kesanen, Member
Thomas O'Callaghan, Member
Richard Schaefer, Member
Aaron Rogers, Member
Joan Nelson, Zoning and Equalization Administrator

ABSENT: Jim Vivian
Chairperson Shea will contact Mr. Vivian to determine if Mr. Vivian will be able to continue EDC membership.

Chair Comments and Correspondence:

Commissioner will send a letter in support of the EDC request for continued funding from WUPPDR.

Chairperson Shea reported that she attended the 2007 Upper Great Lakes Economic and Workforce Development Summit on September 27, 2007.

AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Gunnari to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eckloff.
Motion Carried

Previous Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Gunnari to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eckloff.
Motion Carried

GUESTS: Three students studying the workings of Government Committees.
PROJECT REPORTS

MHG Wind-farm: Frank Stubenrauch reported that a wind farm developer was still interested in building a test tower at MHG. The developer will provide a proposal letter. A discussion ensued as to Eagle Harbor Township's role in the MHG development since MHG is located in the township. It was decided that the EHT zoning regulations would have to be reviewed.

\$ Aaron Rogers agreed to talk to the Eagle Harbor Township Supervisor.

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Commissioner Stubenrauch will contact the Wind tower representative to invite him to a future EDC meeting.

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Chairperson Shea will ask John Soper of the Planning Board for a reference to an attorney familiar with wind tower legislation and issues.

MHG Site Security: It was determined that site security was no longer an issue and will be dropped from the agenda.

MHG Inventory Control: Commissioner Stubenrauch reported that the large generator was sold .

MHG Groundwater Contamination: An extensive discussion was held concerning ground water contamination, testing activities and County baseline assessments.

MHG Lagoon Usage: Commissioner Eckloff reported that we are receiving income from the Lagoon usage. Commissioner Eckloff noted that another user has been accepted for Lagoon usage.

MHG Antenna Tower Usage: It was reported that the Aircell LLC contract still has some outstanding issues. Chairperson Shea previously reported that the Aircell LLC contract had been renewed but it now has been determined that Aircell will need an Eagle Harbor Township zoning permit.

It was suggested that the County Board could waive the County Building Permit for Aircell. Commissioner Keith requested that the Zoning Administrator to send the permit forms to Aircell.

Trails: Aaron Rogers reported that trail development work has been slowed due to weather conditions. Work has been done on the Mountain Lodge trail to Copper

Harbor and that Don Kaupi has been assisting with trail development. It was stressed that no trail work was being done on GMO properties.

Aaron reported that the trails group has not yet received the \$5000 grant approved by the Board. Commissioner Langdon said that it was held up pending a report on how it would be used for trail development.

It was noted that as yet there was no overall Recreations plan for trails. Commissioner Shea said that the Board needs to look at the Recreation Plan previously drawn up.

Commissioner Langdon said there is a need for a joint committee to co-ordinate the motorized and non-motorized trail development to avoid future conflicts.

The question was raised as to whether the County Board wants the EDC to take over all recreation issues in the future or just focus on trails. An extensive discussion was held and the County Board members agreed to consider the question.

Grant Application: An extensive discussion was held concerning the EPA Site Assessment Grant. It was suggested that Section E needs reworking to address ATVs.

Motion by Commissioner Stubenrauch to approve the Grant application subject to the rewording of Section E by Commissioner Langdon. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gunnari.
Motion carried.

Website Development. Aaron Rogers reported that we have received a proposed contract from the vendor. Commissioner Keith said that he would deliver the proposal to the County Attorney for review.

Keweenaw County Business Assistance: no activity to report

CEDS - 2008: no activity to report.

County Welcome Sign Lighting: Commissioner Keith asked the members to take a look at the existing sign. He felt that there was a nearby power source available for lighting the sign.

Teleconferencing: Commissioner Keith said that teleconferencing was allowable if the facilities were located in a public building. Aaron Rogers would obtain more information on the teleconferencing methods used the School District and by the Board of Health for applicability to the County meetings

New Business: none

Public Comment: none

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Stubenrauch. Motion seconded by Member Thomas O'Callaghan.
Motion carried

The next scheduled meeting is November 12, 2007 at 7p.m. at the Mohawk School.

Meeting adjourned at 09:10 pm