

*Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee*

*Meeting Minutes*

*May 5, 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, Darleen Huovinen

Excused: David Sundburg

**AGENDA:** Motion by John Sturos, supported by Richard Schaefer, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Shari Chase, supported by Ned Huwatschek, to approve the April 7, 2010, EDC Minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** Raymond Chase

The EDC lost a valuable member with the death of Tom O'Callaghan.

**GUEST SPEAKER(S):** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** Keweenaw County Economic Development Plan Committee Reports

Communications Infrastructure

- Shari Chase: Contact made with a consultant from Verizon regarding tower sites. An environmental study is being performed at Phoenix Farms on land owned by GMO. Verizon encourages citizens to email them requesting cellular service. Consultant informed about towers located at Mt. Horace Greely and the Mountain Lodge. Verizon will make appropriate contacts and may visit those sites. Chase emphasized the necessity of county-wide cellular telephone service.

Bio-mass Technology

- David Sundburg, John Sturos and Raymond Chase developed a four phase proposal to utilize the existing buildings and property on Mt. Horace Greely and the readily available raw materials in Keweenaw County and the surrounding communities to create a Bio-Fuel generating facility. Proposal will be presented to the KC Board of Commissioners for endorsement.

MOTION by Don Keith, supported by Shari Chase, that the EDC adopt the Bio-Fuel proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 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. Official designation of the trail system will dramatically encourage tourism in Keweenaw County.

#### Keweenaw County Court House Renovation

- Richard Thomas has submitted estimates from area contractors for court house renovation projects. Darleen Huovinen and Raymond Chase will review information with the intention of pursuing grants.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: David Sundberg – No report
- Trails Report: Raymond Chase – Information covered in Economic Development Committee Reports ( See Above)
- Grant Availability: No report. Delete as an agenda item.

***NEXT EDC MEETING: June 2, 2010, 6:30 P.M., Keweenaw County Courthouse***

Motion to adjourn, Shari Chase.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Darleen M. Huovinen

*Minutes approved on June 2, 2010. Minutes sent to be posted on Keweenaw County Web Site on June 2, 2010.*