

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 2, 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, David Sundburg, Donald Secor, Peg Kauppi, Darleen Huovinen

AGENDA: Motion by Shari Chase, supported by Don Secor, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

MINUTES: Motion by Ned Huwatschek, supported by Shari Chase, to approve the May 5, 2010, EDC Minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Raymond Chase

Introduced and welcomed new EDC member Peg Kauppi from Copper Harbor.

GUEST SPEAKER(S): None

OLD BUSINESS:

Keweenaw County Economic Development Plan Committee Reports

Communications Infrastructure

- Shari Chase: Sent EDC members the Verizon web site information and instructions to request cellular service in Keweenaw County. Richard Schaefer recommended sharing the request information with residents, businesses, and tourists and to identify the Verizon entity responsible for compiling cellular service request data.
- Peg Kauppi agreed to serve on the Communications Infrastructure Sub Committee. Will develop a sign-up form which could be posted in area businesses and recreational sites for Keweenaw County tourists and residents to request cellular telephone service. Form to be presented to the EDC for approval.

Bio-mass Technology

- Raymond Chase: KC Board of Commissioners approved EDC Bio-Fuel generating facility proposal. Contacted an engineer who is researching U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Agriculture Biomass Research and Development Initiative grants. Consulting fees are waived until potential grant funding is secured.

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.
- Ned Huwatschek and Richard Schaefer – Waiting for DNRE trail designation before proceeding with trail right- of- way issues.

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.

Keweenaw County Web Site Updates: Don Secor will contact Charlie Eshbach.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: David Sundberg – Dinner meeting at KML will be held on June 22, 2010. Area developers and business entities are invited to attend to share development concepts and potential uses for property at Mt. Horace Greeley. Proceeds from sale of fixtures and buildings at MHG are going to Keweenaw County.
- Trails Report: Raymond Chase – Information covered in Economic Development Committee Reports (See Above)
- Law Suit: Don Keith – Eagle Harbor Township has filed a law suit naming Keweenaw County as a defendant. Issue of litigation related to alleged inappropriate allocation of funds.
- Keweenaw Magazine – David Sundberg: New publication, *Further North*, published by Thimbleberry Press featuring stories written by area residents has been published.

NEXT EDC MEETING: July 7, 2010, 6:30 P.M., Keweenaw County Courthouse

Motion to adjourn, Shari Chase.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Darleen M. Huovinen