

*Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee*

*Meeting Minutes*

*September 1, 2010*

Meeting held at the Keweenaw County Courthouse was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Raymond Chase.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Peg Kauppi, Don Secor, Raymond Chase, John Sturos, Ned Huwatschek, Donald Keith, Shari Chase, David Sundberg, Darleen Huovinen

Excused: Richard Schaefer

**AGENDA:** Motion by Don Keith, supported by Don Secor, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Shari Chase, supported by John Sturos, to approve the July 7, 2010, EDC Minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** Raymond Chase

Raymond Chase and Donald Keith attended a Houghton County Planning Commission Meeting. Discussion related to trails in Houghton and Keweenaw Counties with a focus on how to improve and sustain existing trails and future acquisitions. A consultant may be hired.

Attended KC Board Meeting to report on a reciprocity proposal between Michigan and Wisconsin regarding trail permits. KC Board voted not to support the proposal per Chase's recommendation.

DNRE Trail Designation: To date, the DNRE has not designated the trail system.

**GUEST SPEAKER(S):** None

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

Communications Infrastructure

- Shari Chase: Email contact received from *Verizon* regarding a real estate evaluation. *Verizon* contacted KC Board rather than the EDC. Due to a lack of protocol and an absence of communication between various entities, committees and municipalities in Keweenaw County, the EDC will prepare a communication explaining the mission and function of the EDC and share that information with all parties
- Don Keith: Improvements in county communications, specifically the installation and utilization of Voicemail ®services and posting email addresses on [keweenawcountyonline.org](http://keweenawcountyonline.org), on-going by KC Board.

Motion, David Sundberg, supported by John Sturos that the EDC recommend to the KC Board that in order to improve communications and enhance services, all county committees and offices shall post an email address on the county website with a contact person to check and respond to messages. Motion passed.

Bio-mass Technology

- Raymond Chase: Estimates for equipment costs for start-up company are continuing.

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails

- Raymond Chase: Information covered in previous comments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: David Sundberg. No quorum at the August, 2010 meeting. Louisiana Pacific property discussed. GSA is claiming ownership of property at Mt. Horace Greeley.
- Trails Report: Raymond Chase – Information covered in previous comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Don Keith: DNRE will hold a Quarterly Meeting, open to the public, at 6:00 PM on September 28, 2010 at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. Meeting focus: What can DNRE do to enhance economic development in the area? Written questions will be accepted from the general public in advance of the meeting.

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

Motion to adjourn, Darleen Huovinen

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Darleen M. Huovinen

*Minutes approved on October 6, 2010.*