

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee  
October 5, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M. by Chairperson Ray Chase.

Members present were: Ray Chase, Shari Chase, Ned Huwatschek, Don Piche, Jill Protzel, Don Secor, John Sturos, and David Sundberg.

Member(s) absent: Peggy Kauppi (excused) and Richard Schaefer (excused).

The October 5, 2011 agenda was approved with a motion by John Sturos, seconded by Dave Sundberg. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 7, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by Ned Huwatschek, seconded by Dave Sundberg. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Bio-mass Technology: John Sturos reported that we will have a speaker next month for Short Rotation Forestry. There was nothing to report yet from Communications. Dave Sundberg reported that Downtown Calumet is interested in Greenhousing. With High-Tunnel Green-housing the return of investment can be doubled in one year. A lengthy discussion ensued. Dave is going to continue to gather information. He proposed we do a survey of those who have green-housed in the area.

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails: Ray Chase reported that he attended a meeting at KI Sawyer to form an association to lobby the state and apply political pressure. He and Representative Matt Huuki are working on wording for ORV trails. Senator Tom Casperson has also offered his support of our trail system. Ray also reported that Polaris spent the day (10-5-11) shooting a Fall Ad campaign in Lac Labelle for a new line. There were three semi-trucks. This is for a national advertising campaign. Also from Polaris, the Keweenaw ATV Club has been granted \$9,850 to improve the trails. Of this \$4000 has been earmarked for a permanent bridge on GMO property over Hoar Creek. The remaining money could be used for signage for the entire trail system.

Marketing: Shari Chase referenced an email from Peg Kauppi regarding mobile apps. She will speak with Jonathan Soper in Houghton and will continue to do research. Shari also presented an article about the Keweenaw in United Express' Sky West Magazine.

KCCI: Charlie was working on a tower at Copper Falls. Don Piche reported that Verizon has received a six month extension.

EDC Dream/Wish List: Jane Nordberg from the Gazette wants to do a story about the EDC's list. Dave asked Shari to add the KML R/V Park to the list.

Water Park/Playground: Shari Chase reports there is a lot of research to be done. A meeting with Julie Melchiorre is a first step. Ray Chase said he will bring photos of a waterpark they saw to the next meeting. Shari has a contact downstate that is willing to come to an EDC meeting. Don Piche thinks we would need to look into grants for this project.

#### New Business-

Brownfield: Dave Sundberg said they did not have quorum at the last meeting. They discussed ways to approach the government/military about the issues at Mt. Horace Greeley. The testing has been done on the Mohawk Gas Station, and it is clear of pollution. There is also a potential buyer. There will be a meeting at the Allouez Township Hall on October 14 about the Transfer Station.

Planning: Ned Huwatschek reported that they were "taking the show on the road", meeting in various communities in the county. He had nothing new to report at this time.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche met with John Rosemurgy at the Keweenaw National Historical Park about Court House renovations. The KNHP is unable to help financially right now, but they applied for the Keweenaw Heritage Grant to put a new roof on the Court House. A total cost is unknown at this time. The Americana Grant is a 50/50 match, and they are looking into applying for that money also. Don is gathering information on types of siding that would be available to keep the Court House historically correct, but with money being tight, the roof is first, then siding.

On a motion by Chairperson Ray Chase, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.