

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee
December 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:34p.m. by Chairperson Ray Chase.

Members present were: Ray Chase, Shari Chase, Ned Huwatschek, Don Piche, Jill Protzel, Richard Schaefer, and Don Secor.

Member(s) absent: Peggy Kauppi (excused), David Sundberg (excused), and John Sturos (excused).

The December 7, 2011 meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Shari Chase, seconded by Ned Huwatschek. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 2, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by Don Secor, seconded by Shari Chase. Motion carried.

Guest Speakers: none

Old Business:

Bio-mass Technology –

Short Rotation Forestry (SRF) – Don Secor will talk to MTU's Forestry Department to gather information about what will grow best in this area.

SRF Communications – Ned Huwatschek- nothing to report at this time.

Greenhouse Technology – Dave Sundberg was absent. No report sent.

Mt. Horace Greeley Fuel Production Project – Ray Chase had a meeting with Mike from Traxis. The project is still moving forward.

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails – Ray Chase- nothing to report at this time.

KC Marketing – Shari Chase reported that she spoke with Jonathan Soper who works for the Marketing Department in regards to mobile apps. He does not think his company can help KC, but he does freelance work. They will speak more in the New Year.

KCCI – Ned Huwatschek reported that there is a public meeting scheduled for December 20th about the Verizon towers. Don Secor said that he will speak with Charlie from Pasty about improving KC wireless technology.

Water Park/Playground – Shari and Ray Chase, along with Peg Kauppi, reported that they met with Ken Stigers, the Grant Township Supervisor to introduce the idea of a water park. Shari has met with the property owners and has a meeting with Julie Melchiorre next week to discuss next steps. Ned Huwatschek said he will bring up water parks at the next Grant Township meeting.

New Business:

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - Dave Sundberg was absent. No report sent.

Planning Commission - Ned Huwatschek had nothing new to report at this time.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners - Don Piche reported that the board gave approval for the cross-country ski trails at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge (KML) to be used during the winter as long as the Copper Harbor Trails Club (CHTC) holds an insurance policy that covers these trails.

On a motion by Shari Chase, seconded by Jill Protzel, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.