

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 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 John Sturos, supported by Ned Huwatschek, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

MINUTES: Motion by Shari Chase, supported by Don Secor, to approve the September 1, 2010, EDC Minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Raymond Chase

Peg Kauppi, Don Keith and Raymond Chase attended the DNRE Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge on September 28, 2010. Meeting Topic: *How Can the DNRE Partner with Local Governments to Improve Economic Development* was not addressed. Networking with attendees was beneficial.

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: No update or communications received.
- Raymond Chase: Utilization of the tower at KML to facilitate UPPCO communications in Keweenaw County remains an on-going process. UPPCO may appoint a new contact person to work with Chase.
- Raymond Chase: EDC has an official web site and contact. kewcoedc@gmail.com will be posted on the Keweenaw County web site as a contact point for on-line communications directed at the EDC.
- Don Keith: Improvements in county communications, specifically the installation and utilization of Voicemail[®] services and posting email addresses on the Keweenaw County web site remain under discussion.

Bio-mass Technology:

- Raymond Chase: Recently informed that a request to WUPPDR to write a grant for a feasibility study for a bio-mass facility in Keweenaw County has been delayed due to WUPPDR involvement in securing a grant for a Green Sand feasibility study in Sherman Township.

Keweenaw County Recreational Plan:

- Raymond Chase: EDC Representative to KC Planning Commission. Meetings continue to be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: David Sundberg.
 - Expect to be approached by the Keweenaw County Historical Society regarding property at the Gay School in Sherman Township.
 - No information from the Green Sand project in Gay, Michigan.
 - Recommended EDC and Brownfield Committee met jointly on October 18, 2010.
- Trails Report: Raymond Chase
 - Daily Mining Gazette and a Michigan sporting television show interviewed KATV Club. Information and interviews are now possible in that the trails are insured.
 - Will meet with representative from *ATV Magazine* for a public interview and a trail ride on October 7, 2010
- 2011 EDC Meeting Calendar: Darleen Huovinen. Request for approval and posting.

Motion, Raymond Chase, supported by Shari Chase to accept the 2011 EDC meeting dates as written.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEXT EDC MEETING: November 3, 2010, 6:30 P.M., Keweenaw County Courthouse

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Secor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Darleen M. Huovinen.