

## **Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee December 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman David Sundberg.

Members present: Peg Kauppi, Don Piche, Jill Protzel, Don Secor, John Sturos, Ned Huwatschek, Richard Schaefer and David Sundberg

Member(s) absent: none

The December meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Jill Protzel, seconded by Ned Huwatschek. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 7, 2012 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Peg Kauppi, seconded by John Sturos. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s): Ross Grunwald of the Keweenaw Copper Company was present to report his company's findings thus far and to present the company's future plans for copper mining in the Keweenaw. He reported that a full feasibility study will be completed by October of 2015.

A letter from Sam Raymond, owner of the Keweenaw Adventure Company, was read by Jill Protzel. Sam requested \$400 from the EDC for travel expenses and booth fees to represent Keweenaw County at the *Outdoor Adventure EXPO* in April. John Sturos made a motion to support the use of EDC funds; Don Secor seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business –

Short Rotation Forestry(SRF): John Sturos had nothing new to report at this time.

Greenhouse Technology: Dave Sundberg reported that he will talk to Daryl Pearce, superintendent of CLK schools, about possible greenhousing projects.

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails (KCRT): Peg Kauppi suggested that the Keweenaw should have a presence at ATV tradeshow and that we should compile a mailing list of ATV/snowmobile contacts. Don Piche

reported that he wrote a letter of support for the formation of the Houghton / Keweenaw County Recreational Trails Authority (HKCRTA) to Houghton County's board. The HC board will be voting on 12/11. If they vote in favor, the HKCRTA will be a reality.

KC Communications Infrastructure: Don Secor reported that the cell tower in Delawre is finished. He will ask Charlie Hopper for an update on the fiber to Eagle River.

New Business –

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: Dave Sundberg reported that there are several ideas for the development of Mt. HG such as a rehab clinic and a mining mill. Once the property is cleaned up it will be ripe for development.

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek reported that the planning commission will learn about mining rights at the next meeting.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche reported that the KCEDC budget is \$12,500 per year. David Sundberg stated that we will discuss the procedure for spending of this budget during the review of our charter.

Additions: David Sundberg presented a corrected charter draft to the committee for review. The charter was accepted by the committee and will be presented at the February meeting of the KC Board of Commissioners. David also suggested that the committee reinstates KC Marketing as an agenda item and we try to get CLK schools involved.

On a motion by David Sundberg, seconded by Jill Protzel, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24p.m.