

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee February 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman David Sundberg.

Members present: Peg Kauppi, Don Piche, Jill Protzel, Gina Nicholas, John Sturos, Ned Huwatschek, Dan Harri, Richard Schaefer and David Sundberg

Member(s) absent: Don Secor

The February meeting agenda was approved with a motion by John Sturos, seconded by Ned Huwatschek. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Jill Protzel, seconded by Richard Schaefer. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s): Kim Stoker of the Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region Commission (WUPPDR) spoke to the committee about the services available to the KCEDC through WUPPDR and the process for interaction between the two groups.

Old Business –

Short Rotation Forestry(SRF): John Sturos will contact Kim Stoker from WUPPDR to obtain a feasibility report on SRF.

Greenhouse Technology: Dave Sundberg reported that he has not been able to connect with Daryl Pearce, superintendant of CLK schools, about possible greenhousing projects, but will continue to try.

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails (KCRT): Don Piche reported that the Houghton / Keweenaw County Recreational Trails Authority (HKCRTA) is now a reality and is in the formation process.

KC Communications Infrastructure: Don Secor was absent with no report sent.

New Business –

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: Dave Sundberg had nothing new to report at this time.

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

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche reported that the CHTC is looking for support in applying for a \$50,000 grant for the Copper Harbor trails. Don also reported that the board will approve the use of KC land in CHTC trail expansion.

Additions: Peg Kauppi reported that Mt. Bohemia is looking into the logistics of snow making and is looking for support from involved parties. David Sundberg suggested that a KC Marketing subcommittee be formed and be returned to the KCEDC agenda as a standing agenda item. Peg Kauppi and Dan Harri will co-chair this committee.

On a motion by David Sundberg, seconded by Jill Protzel, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.