

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee March 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by chairman pro tem Don Piche

Members present: Peg Kauppi, Don Piche, Jill Protzel, Gina Nicholas, John Sturos, Ned Huwatschek, and Richard Schaefer.

Member(s) absent: Don Secor, Dan Harri, and David Sundberg

The March meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Richard Schaefer, seconded by Peg Kauppi. Motion carried.

Minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Richard Schaefer, seconded by John Sturos. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s): none

Old Business –

Short Rotation Forestry(SRF): John Sturos reported that he met with Kim Stoker from WUPPDR and obtained a copy feasibility report on SRF done by MTU. He shared some of the findings on energy crops.

Greenhouse Technology: Dave Sundberg was absent with no report sent. Jill Protzel proposed inviting Melissa Davis to the April meeting of the KCEDC to talk about her bio-energy project.

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails (KCRT): Don Piche reported that the next move for HKCRTA is to interview applicants. He also reported that the KC board approved the use of KC lands by the CHTC.

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

KC Marketing: Peg Kauppi presented a letter written by David Sundberg to Elsa Green and Lisa Twardzik of CLK schools about creating a relationship with the student marketing club in order to promote the area. Dan Harri

forwarded a list of ideas for KC marketing. This was tabled until he is present.

New Business –

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: Dave Sundberg was absent with no report sent.

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek and Richard Schaefer spoke about the KC Land Use Map which is still under construction. The big question is how to represent GMO, the major land owner, property on the map.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche had nothing new to report at this time.

Additions: Gina Nicholas announced the Conservation District will hold its 61st Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 5:00pm at MTU. The Conservation Districts purpose is to promote the wise usage of public lands.

On a motion by Peg Kauppi, seconded by John Sturos, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.