

**Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee
February 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Commissioner Don Piche.

Members present: Don Piche, John Sturos, Don Secor, Jill Protzel, Peg Kauppi, Sam Raymond, and Ned Huwatschek

Member(s) absent:

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

Minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Don Secor, seconded by Peg Kauppi. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s) – Jay Isaacson, owner of Mohawk Technology, was present to introduce his company to the committee. Jay has started an electrical design company in Ahmeek which does not depend on the economy in the Keweenaw. His business currently employs two MTU graduates and he is hoping to employ two more by the end of the year. Jay stated that while he currently does not need help from the committee, he may in the future with zoning and communications infrastructure issue as his business grows.

Old Business –

KC Communications Infrastructure: Don Secor was out of town and will make a report at the next meeting.

KC Marketing: Peg Kauppi reported that CHIA has a very active advertising committee right now and needs funding. They will be creating a proposal to present to the committee in the near future.

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek reported that the PC had two meetings in January and have made progress toward a solution in reference to Copper Harbor zoning issues. The PC will make recommendations to the county board at the next meeting.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche reported the board took back the management of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge from the trustees in order to deal with ensuing debt issues. The board is going through the process of restructuring the finances with help from KEDA. Together they are working on a five year plan. Piche expressed an interest in forming a marketing alliance with CHIA.

New Business:

Nomination: Don Secor made a motion to nominate Peg Kauppi as chair of the KCEDC. Seconded by John Sturos. All in favor. Don Piche will take this nomination to the Board of Commissioners next meeting.

Public Comment: none

On a motion by John Sturos, seconded by Sam Raymond, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.