

**Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee
June 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Peg Kauppi.

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

Member(s) absent: none

The June meeting agenda was approved with a motion by John Sturos, seconded by Ned Huwatschek. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Sam Raymond, seconded by John Sturos. All in favor. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s) – none

Old Business –

KC Communications Infrastructure: Don Secor reported that he found the wind study report at MTU from 2009 that was discussed at the previous meeting. He will set up a meeting with Professor Archer at MTU to gain more information as we will need MTU to sponsor such a project. Don Piche stated that Eagle Harbor zoning states “no windmills”, but the county board has approved the study if the EDC would like to proceed. John Sturos and Don Secor volunteered to head up the Wind Power Study. A lengthy discussion ensued about the cell tower. Peg Kauppi will speak with Gina Nicolas about getting a meeting set up with all the key players to get this issue resolved once and for all.

KC Marketing: Peg Kauppi reported that CHIA advertising has created a new brochure and map which will be distributed soon. The KCVB is soon to launch a new mobile app, which once downloaded to a smart phone is accessible without cell coverage.

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek reported that there were 30+ people at the last meeting where verbiage was being decided for Houghton Township’s zoning for RS/RR.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche reported the county board accepted a bid from B&B Construction for re-siding the courthouse. The job is estimated to cost \$107,000.

New Business:

John Sturos suggested that CHTC look into applying for a Portage Health Foundation grant. He passed along the information to Sam Raymond.

Public Comment: none

On a motion by Peg Kauppi, seconded by John Sturos, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. All in favor. Motion passed.