

**Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee  
May 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 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 May meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Sam Raymond, seconded by Ned Huwatschek. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Don Secor, seconded by John Sturos. All in favor. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s) – Jim Huovinen with regards to a proposed wind study project at Mt. Horrace Greeley in partnership with MTU. This project has been proposed to the County Board as a project for the EDC. Don Secor and John Sturos will set up a meeting with Glen Archer at MTU and report back at the next meeting. Jim Huovinen will speak to the Eagle Harbor Township Supervisor, Rich Probst, about possible resistance from EH Township.

Old Business –

KC Communications Infrastructure: Don Secor reported that House Bill 4237 allowing collocation on MPSCS towers has passed. This means that any cell provider can use the state police tower on east bluff in Copper Harbor and there will be adequate coverage without having to building a tower on Brockway Mountain. Alex Protzel (guest speaker) reported that currently SBA's application to the FCC to build this tower is pending approval and has been for the past six months. The FCC has not given a timeline for their decision. Peg Kauppi suggested that we reach out on the county level to all cell providers to get their thought on providing service using the state tower. Don Piche will speak with Scott Dianda and the current county attorney to take a look at this issue. Peg Kauppi stated that this issue needs to be on the front burner.

KC Marketing: Peg Kauppi reported that the KML will be advertising with CHIA Advertising. Sam Raymond reported that he went to the Outdoor Expo in Minneapolis representing both his business, Copper Harbor, and Keweenaw County. There were 12,000 people in attendance at this trade show. He also attended the Pure Michigan Conference.

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek reported that the PC conducted a communications survey and the results are being analyzed and next steps are being determined. Jim Huovinen spoke to the concern about fiber optics. He suggested speaking to Brian C. Norman, Director of External Affairs for AT&T about the fiber service to M-26 but no further.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche reported the KML will be open for mother's day if the water passes inspection. The county board will be accepting bids for re-siding the courthouse.

New Business:

EDC Meetings will be held at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge from June through October.

Public Comment: none

On a motion by Peg Kauppi, seconded by John Sturos, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. All in favor. Motion passed.