

Keweenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority



Present-Bill Griffin, Chuck Bennetts, Ray Chubb, Steven Karpiak, Mike Musiel, Erika Vye
Absent-Mark Klemp
Guest- Jen Tucker MDEQ, Jeff Ratcliffe KEDA

Chuck opened the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Steven moved, Bill second, to approve the agenda as printed. Passed unanimously.

Bill moved, Erika second, to approve the April 19, 2016, minutes. Passed unanimously.

There was no correspondence.

Previous Business – Ray mentioned that a party is interested in buying the Louisiana-Pacific site. Bill provided Ray with information on the site for the possible buyer.

New Business – Chuck thanked Jen Tucker, Mark Petrie, and Jeff Ratcliffe for surveying the Mt. Horace Greeley site with Authority members on May 25, 2016. Jen and Jeff thanked the Authority for the tour which provided a better idea of the challenges faced at the site. Jen checked the structures and found an oil pool. Ray stated that the County is considering changing the site zoning. Mike is concerned that work at the site keeps the radio towers, especially for broadband use. Bill explained the contaminated areas of concern. Jeff was provided more information on what needs to be done to clean up the site. Jeff suggested the EPA in combination with the Air Force, be looked at for funding to clean up the site. Usually a 20% local match is required with grants. Jen explained MDEQ activities and provided a handout. Right now only loans are available from the MDEQ for this site. Jen and Jeff will look for the right EPA contacts and get back to Chuck and Bill. Chuck would like to see the local news media informed and involved with the Authorities activities at the site.

Bill will supply Jen with the County wide list of potential Brownfield sites. Much discussion on county Brownfield sites. Jen explained the MDEQ TIF program.

Chuck asked for public comment at 8:44 pm. There was no public comment.

Action Items – The list of the County's potential Brownfield sites will be posted on the Authority's web site. Jen and the Authority will work together on a presentation to the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners at their August 17, 2016 meeting at 7:00 pm.

Steven moved, Erika second, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 7 pm at the Keweenaw County Courthouse in Eagle River.

Submitted,

Steven Karpiak, Secretary

