

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee
April 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairperson Ray Chase.

Members present were: Ray Chase, Shari Chase, Ned Huwatschek, Peg Kauppi, Don Piche, Jill Protzel, Richard Schaefer, Don Secor, John Sturos, and David Sundberg.

Member(s) absent: none

The April 4, 2012 meeting agenda was approved with a motion by John Sturos, seconded by David Sundberg. Motion carried.

Minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion by David Sundberg, seconded by Shari Chase. Motion carried.

Guest Speakers: Sam Lockwood and Kraig Mahrley from the Old School Baking Company presented on the status of their project to the committee. They are currently seeking grant opportunities and partnerships with municipal groups and the universities to use Kraig's property to produce geothermal energy and to grow produce for the area. Chairman Ray Chase stated that the KCEDC is interested in any project that uses renewable resources.

Old Business:

Bio-mass Technology –

- Short Rotation Forestry (SRF) – John Sturos had nothing new to report at this time.
- SRF Communications – Ned Huwatschek had nothing new to report at this time.
- Greenhouse Technology – Dave Sundberg had nothing new to report at this time.
- Mt. Horace Greeley Fuel Production Project (Mt. H.G.) – Ray Chase had nothing new to report at this time.

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails (KCRT) – Ray Chase reminded the committee that there will be a DNR sponsored meeting on April 17th at 6:30 at the Houghton Township Community Center in Eagle River about the full designation of ATV trails on private land.

Keweenaw County Communications Infrastructure (KCCI) – nothing new to report at this time.

Water Park/Playground – Shari Chase reported that she and Ray had a conference call with Jeff Lococo from GCI and Dan Leveque from Gundlach/Champion about the water park project. Jeff suggested breaking the project down into phases and to gather statistics for the area. Peg Kauppi stated that she will gather information for Copper Harbor.

New Business:

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - Dave Sundberg reported that the BRA has until August to spend the rest of the grant money. Dave also stated that the title search on Mt. Horace Greeley is not complete. The BRA is going to write a plan to clean up the property and return it to its natural state.

Planning Commission - Ned Huwatschek had nothing new to report at this time.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners - Don Piche reported that Philippe Arend will conduct the inspections on the roof project and that Donna Jaaskelainen is reading through the Americana Grant contracts now to ensure compliance.

Additions – none

Public Comment: Don Keith was present and commented on how grateful he is that there are so many people involved in making Keweenaw County better.

On a motion by Peg Kauppi, seconded by Dave Sundberg, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.