

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee

October 7, 2009

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at the Keweenaw County Court House was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Raymond Chase.

ROLL CALL: Present: R. Chase, Sturos, Secor, Huovinen, O'Callaghan, Schaefer, Huwatschek

Excused: S. Chase, D. Keith, D. Sundberg

AGENDA: Add EDC Proposal: Copper Harbor Improvement Association: Request for support and funding to build a terrain park at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge to enhance winter attendance at the KML

Add guest speaker: Trygve A. Ivesdal, MTU Adjunct Faculty, Renewable Energy Facilitator, Power & Energy Research Center: Utilization of alternative energy sources in Keweenaw County

Motion Secor, support Huwatschek to approved the amended agenda. Motion passed.

MINUTES: Motion, O'Callaghan, support Sturos to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009 EDC meeting as presented. Motion passed.

EDC PROPOSAL: *Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Terrain Park*

Don Kauppi: In a continuing effort to enhance activities in coordination with winterization of KML, the Copper Harbor Trails Club proposes construction of a Terrain Park at the KML. Aaron Rogers, Jeff Coltas and Sam Raymond researched attendance and usage at Mt. Bohemia citing approximately 65 to 70% of visitors to Mt. Bohemia are snowboarders. A snowboard facility at the KML would create a business opportunity and attract winter sports enthusiasts to the lodge. Complete proposal including construction costs is on file in the EDC office. *See: KML Terrain Park Proposal.* Construction costs: \$12,000.00 to \$13,000.00. Rails and Trails Club will contribute \$7,000.00 toward the project. Trails Club requests \$6,000.00 from EDC funds for the KML Terrain Park.

MOTION, John Sturos, support, Tom O'Callaghan to whole heartedly recommend to the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners an allocation of funding in the amount of \$6,000.00 to construct *The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Terrain Park* to support the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge during winter months.

Roll Call Vote: YES: Schaefer, Huwatschek, Huovinen, O'Callaghan, Sturos, Secor, R. Chase
NO: None

GUEST SPEAKER: Trygve A. Ivesdal, MTU Adjunct Faculty, Renewable Energy Facilitator, Power & Energy Research Center. Presentation as follows:

- Utilizing available technology and expertise from MTU related to renewable energy systems, Keweenaw County could reduce energy costs at the KML, assist area businesses and municipalities to reduce energy costs
- Wisconsin has applied renewable energy technology. Energy Centers created to advocate technology and educate the public.
- Ivesdal, in conjunction with expertise at MTU, will be working with owners of the Eagle River Inn to establish “work sessions” and ultimately an alternative energy training center in Keweenaw County. Training Center would economically benefit Keweenaw County
- Wind generation installations in Keweenaw County on a mass scale are currently not economically feasible, but small scale, individual installations, in conjunction with solar applications may be effective
- Ivesdal will sent information regarding how the training center in Green Bay, Wisconsin began and how it is funded

OLD BUSINESS:

- Keweenaw County Website: Ray Chase: EDC supports Charlie Eshbach’s proposal. The method of how posting are approved prior to being submitted to OPUS are to be determined.
- Business Opportunities in Keweenaw County: Ray Chase: Communications exchanges with HFR Energy, LLC were presented. Company would like to do research in conjunction with Finlanda University and MTU in Keweenaw County.
- Mission Statement: November agenda item.
- Property Purchase Proposal: Ray Chase: Bob Kauppi submitted a proposal to the county to purchase six buildings from the upper housing area at Mt. Horace Greeley. Proposal is being reviewed by Keweenaw County attorney.
- Goods and Services in KC: November agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – David Sundberg. No report
- KATV – Ray Chase: No report

MOTION TO ADJOURN, Huovinen, support, Secor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Darleen M. Huovinen