

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2010

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Raymond Chase, John Sturos, Ned Huwatschek, Donald Keith, Shari Chase, David Sundberg, Darleen Huovinen

Excused: Richard Schaefer

Absent: Tom O'Callaghan

AGENDA: Motion by Don Keith, supported by John Sturos, to approve the agenda as modified. Motion passed.

MINUTES: Motion by Shari Chase, supported by Ned Huwatschek, to approve the March 3, 2010, EDC Minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Raymond Chase

- ARA BTOP CCI Broadband Grant Application: Letter of support has been sent regarding the Broadband Grant application submitted by the Copper Country ISD in conjunction with efforts by Pasty.net.
- Letter of support has been sent to RUS Broadband Initiative Program supporting the Pasty.net application for financial assistance to upgrade and expand broadband services in Keweenaw County.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pasty.net Broadband Grant Application: Shari Chase reported meeting with Charlie Hopper. The Pasty.net/CCISD grant application would provide fiber optic connections to residential, business and municipal locations in Keweenaw County and a portion of northern Houghton County. Installation will also enhance cellular telephone service.
- Don Secor will inquire about ownership of cellular towers in Keweenaw County.
- Darleen Huovinen will serve as a liaison with the Planning Commission to insure issues related to cellular communications are shared with the EDC.

Motion, Darleen Huovinen, supported by David Sundberg, to insure information is available to all KC committees, Darleen Huovinen will submit a request to the Keweenaw County Commissioners to mandate that all Keweenaw County Committees and Commissions post approved meeting minutes on the Keweenaw County web site within five (5) days of approval. Motion passed.

- New Power Tour, Inc.: Biomass/Energy Efficiency Proposals-Melissa Davis: Raymond Chase contacted Melissa Davis. New Power Tour will work with the KC Road Commission on energy proposals related to the KC Mountain Lodge.
- Keweenaw County Economic Development Plan

Bio-mass Technology: Sundberg reported subcommittee is exploring the concept of a transfer station in Keweenaw County. Discussion regarding funding availability through grants to purchase equipment and develop infrastructure is on-going. Prior to development at Mt. Horace Greeley, Brownfield clean up must occur. Subcommittee will work on creating a vision and plan for utilization of MHG property.

Keweenaw Recreational County Trails: No report

Keweenaw County Communications Infrastructure: No report

Keweenaw County Court House Renovation: R. Chase met with Richard Thomas. Renovation estimates are being gathered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: David Sundberg - Business leaders and entrepreneurs are being contacted to attend dinner meeting at the Mountain Lodge in May, 2010.
- TRAILS REPORT: Raymond Chase – K/ATV and DNRE discussing designation of trail system.
- GRANT AVAILABILITY: Tom O’Callaghan - No report

NEXT EDC MEETING: April 7, 2010, 6:30 P.M., Keweenaw County Courthouse

Motion to adjourn, Shari Chase.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Darleen M. Huovinen

Minutes approved: May 5, 2010