

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee September 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Chairman Dan Harri.

Members present: Peg Kauppi, Don Piche, Jill Protzel, John Sturos, Don Secor, Ned Huwatschek and Dan Harri.

Member(s) absent: Gina Nicholas, and Richard Schaefer.

The September meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Peg Kauppi, seconded by Ned Huwatschek. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August, 2013 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Peg Kauppi, seconded by Ned Huwatschek. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s):proposals & ideas to economically benefit Keweenaw county.

Ken & Pam Rieli, along with their family, of Phoenix Navigation and Appliance and World Car Corporation gave a presentation of their ideas for creating reusable energy businesses in the Keweenaw.

Old Business –

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails (KCRT): A brief trails update was given by Don Piche.

KC Communications infrastructure: Don Secor states that pasty.net has been updating their system recently and the system has been moving faster as a result.

KC Marketing: Peg Kauppi states the KCVB will not be an option to support (\$30,000 for 2014) a marketing director position because they decided to go with Pure Michigan. Dan Haari updated the job description for the marketing director position. He is working on creating a brand for Keweenaw County, as well as an informational brochure about KC businesses to be distributed. He is currently working on draft of this. There

will be a Keweenaw business mixer on Oct 17th at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.

New Business –

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek, rezoning in Eagle River did not pass. The trailers near Gay are an ongoing issue.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche reported that the new furnaces are in and working. There are 2 in each building, 98% efficient, at a cost of \$49,000 total. We own the gas tanks. There is a KC Budget meeting coming up.

Additions:

Peg Kauppi: Copper Harbor DDA is working with MSHDA on a project.

Jill Protzel will assemble and email the 2014 EDC calendar of meetings

Dan Harri reported golf season events raised \$7000 for Keweenaw kids. Hosting cross country races for CLK meet.

Public Comments: none

On a motion by Dan Harri, seconded by Peg Kauppi, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:34.p.m.