

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee

September 2, 2009

Meeting Minutes

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

ROLL CALL: Members Present: R. Chase, Sturos, Sundberg, Secor, S. Chase, D. Huovinen, O'Callaghan, Keith, Schaefer, Huwatschek

AGENDA: Corrections/amendments presented by R. Chase:

Delete last sentence stating GMO "leases" acreage (page 1)

Amend "...EDC to watch scrap metal prices..." to "...Frank Stubenrauch to watch scrap metal prices..." (page 3)

Insert "...a *minimum* bid of \$500.00 (page 3)

Motion, S. Chase, support O'Callaghan, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2009 EDC meeting as corrected. Motion passed without objection.

EDC PROPOSAL: Dockside Marina: Bob Kauppi, owner, and Dennis Rich, engineer, verbally requested a Letter of Support from the EDC to enclose in a grant application to the *Fish and Wildlife Service*, for marina expansion in Gay (Sherman Township). Letter of Support is needed prior to September 21, 2009. Kauppi received approval from the State of Michigan to pursue the federal grant.

Motion, Dennis Sundberg, supported by Shari Chase, that the EDC write a Letter of Support regarding expansion at the Sherman Township marina. Motion passed without objection.

GUEST SPEAKER: Melissa Davis, Coordinator, *New Power Tour, Inc.*, Laurium, MI, presented information on biomass and cogeneration technologies. Topics presented, as follows:

- Solar irradiance, solar hot water, wind generation, woody biomass, and greenhouses.
- Keweenaw Mountain Lodge: Discussion was held related to the potential for utilizing alternative energy sources.

Motion, Raymond Chase, supported by Don Secor, that the EDC, in association with the expertise provided by Melissa Davis, pursue the feasibility of utilizing alternative energy sources at the KML. Motion passed without objection.

ACTION ITEM: Melissa Davis to prepare a proposal related to implementation of alternative energy installations at the KML. Presentation marked as a future agenda item.

OLD BUSINESS:

GOODS AND SERVICES NEEDED IN KEWEENAW COUNTY: Using ideas presented by EDC members, Shari Chase compiled a list of goods and services that are needed in Keweenaw County. **Data is on file in EDC office. See: *Goods and Services***

Topic is to remain on agenda for future discussion, refinement of ideas and the feasibility of implementing and supporting new businesses and services.

NEW BUSINESS:

EDC FOCUS: Raymond Chase - Discussion on focus of EDC and the need for direction, a plan and possible creation of a mission statement. Key issue: What is economic development, how do we measure it and how can the EDC create jobs in Keweenaw County? Recommendation - Janet Shea: EDC to read the Land Use Plan from the Planning Commission.

WIND GENERATION STUDY: Frank Stubenrauch – Received a proposal from interested individuals to perform a wind study at Mount Horace Greeley at no cost to Keweenaw County. EDC requested the appropriate parties to present the proposal for consideration. Stubenrauch will make contacts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – David Sundberg

- Community outreach continues.

EDC Proposals to KC Board of Commissioners – Raymond Chase

- County Board is considering Janet Shea's internet proposal.
- Pasty.net proposal approved by County Board.
- KATV Club proposal approved. KATV Club waiting for GMO permit.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Keith: Houghton County Commissioners requested Keweenaw County and other surrounding counties to support a proposal coordinated by the Houghton County Airport Authority to make Houghton County Airport a regional airport facility.

MOTION TO ADJOURN, Don Secor, support, Tom O'Callaghan. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Darleen M. Huovinen

MINUTES APPROVED ON October 7, 2009

