

*Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee*

*Meeting Minutes*

*April 6, 2011*

Meeting held at the Keweenaw County Courthouse was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Raymond Chase.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Richard Schaefer, Don Secor, Raymond Chase, John Sturos, Shari Chase, David Sundberg, Don Piche, Darleen Huovinen

Excused: Ned Huwatschek, Peg Kauppi

**AGENDA:** Motion by Don Secor, supported by Shari Chase, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Shari Chase, supported by David Sundburg to approve the March 2, 2011 EDC Minutes as amended. Motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**Chairman's Comments:**

- ATV Trail dedication scheduled for May 28, 2011 in Phoenix, Michigan on the grounds of the Vansville Bar.
- Attended Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Keweenaw County Communications Infrastructure: Shari Chase - Verizon is working outside the EDC to locate sites for cellular towers. Pasty.Net is upgrading internet services via Peninsula Fiber Connections.
- Bio-mass Technology: Raymond Chase: Gundlach-Champion pursuing a cost analysis of a bio-mass plant. Traxis interested in purchasing bio-mass products.
- Keweenaw County Recreation Trails: Raymond Chase- ATV Recreation Trails Maps will be distributed prior to the opening of the trails.
- KC Court House Renovation: Darleen Huovinen - County Board must become more proactive regarding the repair and maintenance of county buildings. Don Piche requested repair cost estimates for the courthouse, garage and sheriff's residence prepared by Richard Thomas.

- Keweenaw County Manager: Board Discussion: *Duties and Responsibilities of a County Manager*
  - Committee Polled: *Do you feel the ECD should go forward with the topic of exploring the possibility of hiring a County Manager in Keweenaw County?*  
Yes: Huovinen, S. Chase, Schaefer, Sturos, Secor, Piche, R. Chase, Sundburg
  - Topic will remain of EDC agenda

ACTION ITEM: May, 2011 Agenda: EDC members to bring ideas to the discussion related to the roles, duties and responsibilities (critical elements) of a County Manager.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: David Sundberg – Progress with moving toward Phase II at Mt. Horace Greeley.
- Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek – No report.
- Board of Commissioners: Don Piche- Mountain Lodge financial situation being reviewed.
- Copper Harbor Recreational Trails Club: Peg Kauppi – No report.
- EDC Projects: Shari Chase-Recommended identifying new projects related to services, business opportunities, promotional events and grass roots marketing to economically benefit Keweenaw County.

ACTION ITEM: May, 2011 Agenda: EDC brainstorm topics related to economic development in KC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Co-Owners, Eagle River Inn, Eagle River, Michigan

- Marketing Keweenaw County on all levels, state, regional and locally, would spur economic activities and ultimately increase tourism. Small businesses with limited advertising budgets would benefit.
- Businesses working together to promote recreational sites and events is essential.

***NEXT EDC MEETING: May 4, 2011, 6:30 P.M., Keweenaw County Courthouse***

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Secor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Darleen M. Huovinen*

*Minutes approved: (Insert Date)*

*Minutes posted to KC Web Site: (Insert Date)*