

Keweenaw County Economic Development Committee August 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Chairman Dan Harri.

Members present: Peg Kauppi, Don Piche, Jill Protzel, John Sturos, Richard Schaefer, and Dan Harri.

Member(s) absent: Ned Huwatschek, Gina Nicholas, and Don Secor.

The August meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Jill Protzel, seconded by John Sturos. Motion carried.

Minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Peg Kauppi, seconded by John Sturos. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker(s): none

Old Business –

Keweenaw County Recreational Trails (KCRT): Don Piche reported that the bi-county committee had not met since our last meeting, therefore he has nothing new to report. A millage will be necessary to secure lands for the trail system.

KC Communications infrastructure: Don Secor was absent with no report sent.

KC Marketing: Dan Harri presented a draft of the job description for a KC marketing director. A lengthy discussion ensued. Dan also proposed the construction of an information/brochure kiosk to be located at the Snow Thermometer roadside park. Peg Kauppi informed the committee that the Keweenaw Trails Club is joining the Pure Michigan campaign.

New Business –

Planning Commission: Ned Huwatschek absent was absent with no report sent. Richard Schaefer reported a proposal was issued to rezone Eagle River as RS2.

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners: Don Piche reported that the new furnaces are being installed in the courthouse and jail.

Additions: Dan Harri will submit a plan to WUPPDR concerning the restoration of the cabins at the KML.

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Jill Protzel reminded the committee that the KCEDC meetings will be held at the KML for September and October.

Dan Harri reported that Lois Ellis of MEDC was contacted to look into possible grants for improvements/restorations to the KML.

Dan Harri reported that Jim Bingen from MSU was contacted to look into the possibility of an intern for KC Marketing needs.

Dan Harri suggested hosting a "Welcome Keweenaw" cocktail party for area businesses to be held at the KML on October 17th. He will draft an invitation for the next meeting.

Public Comments: none

On a motion by Dan Harri, seconded by Peg Kauppi, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:18.m.