

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Wednesday, June 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. in the Escanaba City Council Chambers, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, Delta County.

Present: Escanaba City Mayor Marc D. Tall, Escanaba City Manager James V. O'Toole, Escanaba City Deputy Clerk Tammy Weissert, County Commissioner David Rivard, Gladstone Commissioner Dave Nemacheck, Bark River Township Supervisor Gregg Johnson, Wells Township Supervisor William Farley, Scott Erbish County of Marquette Administrator, Olivia Sawicki Special Assistant to U.S. Representative Dan Benishek, Dave Nyberg from Governor Snyder's Office, and members of the public, media, Acuitas Public Affairs and Advocacy representatives Kevin Korpi, Robert, Andrea, Sarah in Lansing – Conference Call

Escanaba City Manager Jim O'Toole called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

Update - Next Michigan Development Zone - Central Upper Peninsula Region.

The members of the Delta County Joint Governmental group were updated on the progress being made in establishing an economic trade zone in Delta and Marquette Counties under the Next Michigan Development Zone Legislation. Under the program, economic development tools and incentives would be created which focuses on bringing businesses to the community or expanding current businesses with the community that utilize multi-modal commerce, meaning a business that uses two or more modes of transportation to ship its products.

- Legislation was passed to allow for a district in the U.P., once established it will create an economic trade zone between Delta and Marquette counties;
- Five districts exist downstate;
- Program focuses on bringing in new industry and retain the growing industry we have now;
- Delta and Marquette counties will work together on the inter-local agreement, which will allow municipalities to have a say in decisions, but also have a right to veto themselves from a project.

Discussion – Items of Mutual Interest and Concern.

Those in attendance provided Items of Mutual Interest and Concern in their municipalities.

Committee Member Announcements and Updates.

Next scheduled meeting was August 13, 2014.

Hearing no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Tammy Weissert, Escanaba Deputy City Clerk, Recording Secretary