

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Wednesday, September 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 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 Clerk Robert S. Richards, Escanaba Executive Secretary Kimberly Peterson, Delta County Administrator Nora Viau, Delta County Commissioners Mary Harrington, David Rivard, and Ann Jousma Miller, Gladstone City Manager Darla Falcon, and Gladstone Mayor Todd Maki, Bark River Township Supervisor Greg Johnson, Pete Brock from Masonville Township, Christine Groleau of Nahma Township, Wells Township Supervisor William Farley, Ray Young of Garden Township, Marilyn Kinsey from the Delta County Economic Development Alliance, Judy Trudell from Maple Ridge Township, Jim Caszatt District Staff Member from State Senator Tom Casperson Office, Olivia Sawicki House Representative Beneshak's Office, Laura Coleman President of Bay de Noc Community College, Jay Kulbertis District Superintendent Gladstone Area Public Schools, Anne Milne CUPPAD Community Planner, Attorney Richard Bernstein, candidate for the Michigan Supreme Court, members of the public and media.

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 and the Marquette County Joint Governmental group, via a live audio-video conference call, discussed a draft interlocal agreement which would create the Superior Trade Zone as a Next Michigan Development Corporation. Officials encouraged others to join in officially by approving a resolution to adopt the agreement. Officials reviewed the following:

- Officials from Escanaba, Marquette City, and Township provided a brief synopsis of the Next Michigan Development Zone and what was needed to be done by the local City and Townships;
- Officials reviewed the commitment required by the City and Townships, costs involved, details of the interlocal agreements, which included veto and opt out clauses by members;
- It was the consensus of the Joint Governmental Group in Delta County to apply for a Hannahville 2% Grant with the Hannahville Indian Community, which would be used to cover the commitment costs;
- Filing agreements and resolutions would be filed with the Attorney Generals Office and Governor's Office by the end of the month.

Discussion – Items of Mutual Interest and Concern.

Those in attendance provided Items of Mutual Interest and Concern in their municipalities. Members were invited to attend the October 28th, Energy Summit.

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Committee Member Announcements and Updates.

Next scheduled meeting was October 8, 2014.

Hearing no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Robert S. Richards, Escanaba City Clerk, Recording Secretary