

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Wednesday, January 14, 2015

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 Delta County Commissioners David Rivard and John Malnar, Escanaba City Mayor Marc D. Tall, Escanaba City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Clerk Robert S. Richards, Gladstone City Manager Darla Falcon, Gladstone Mayor Joseph Maki, Bark River Township Supervisor Greg Johnson, Steve Rose of Cornell Township, Ray Young of Garden, Peter Brock of Masonville Township, Wells Township Supervisor William Farley, Danielle Branz of Congressman Benishek's Office, Peter VanSteen of CUPPAD, members of the public and media.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Newly Elected Officials – Meet and Greet.

The Delta County Joint Governmental group had an informal meet and greet whereby newly elected officials met and talked with other members of the group about items of mutual interest and concern.

Update - Next Michigan Development Zone – Superior Trade Zone

Escanaba City Manager O'Toole provided an update on the Intergovernmental Agreement to establish the U.P. Next Michigan Development Corporation, aka the "Superior Trade Zone" along with an overview of what steps will need to be taken in the future to finalize the district.

- Next Step was a formal application to Michigan Strategic Fund MEDC. Individuals from Marquette and Delta Counties were in Lansing working on the application and other items. When information is approved, information would be shared with the group;
- Briefly Discussed fees involved;
- All Information received regarding signature and passage was all positive.

Discussion – Items of Mutual Interest and Concern.

The Emergency announcement regarding the Presque Isle Power plant was briefly reviewed. Again, information received would be shared with the entire group. Any questions should be forwarded to the Governor and Senator Casperson Offices.

Those in attendance also provided Items of Mutual Interest and Concern in their municipalities which included;

- Escanaba Master Plan;
- Gladstone, Wells Township, Escanaba bicycle grants;
- Update on Delta County Commissioners and Brownfield indicatives;
- Passport Grant to update Masonville Park and other possible Industrial Developments;
- Garden Township Wind Turbine issue;
- Possible Gladstone Ballot proposal for a millage increase for Capital expenditures;

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- Benishek Office was working on Veteran clinics.

Next scheduled meeting was February 11, 2015.

Hearing no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Robert S. Richards, Escanaba City Clerk, Recording Secretary