

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Wednesday, April 8, 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, Vicky Schwab of the Delta County Economic Development Alliance, Dave Anthony from the Hannahville Indian Community, Escanaba City Mayor Marc D. Tall, Escanaba City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Clerk Robert S. Richards, City Recreation Director Tom Penegor and City Executive Secretary Kimberly Peterson, Karen Moore of the Escanaba Recreation Board, Delta County Clerk Nancy Kolich, William Farley, Wells Township Supervisor, Judy Trudell of Maple Ridge Township, Cornell Township Supervisor Steve Rose, Peter VanSteen and Anne Milne of CUPPAD, Tiffany Olsick of Delta County Public Health, John Wolf of Ensign Township, Linda Robitaille of Escanaba Township, Greg Johnson of Bark River Township, Gladstone Mayor Joe Maki, Dennis Maufort of Brampton Township, members of the public and media.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Delta County Wide Non-Motorized Trail Master Plan Concept.

The units of government in Delta County discussed the possibility of creating a Delta County Wide Non-Motorized Trail Master Plan. The concept of the plan would be to identify a network of trails that connect to existing trails in the region along with commercial and employment areas, parks, schools and other key destinations in Delta County.

- Goal was to identify areas for bike paths, sync all the county information together, and bring everyone on the same page;
- CUPPAD put a proposal to the Delta County Joint Governmental Units of Government in order to prepare a Delta County Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan;
- Many questions needed to be answered, but a group effort would work the best;
- If it was a consensus of the group as a whole, to proceed, the City of Escanaba, on behalf of the Delta County Joint Governmental Units of Government, would submit a Hannahville 2 percent grant application to fund the CUPPAD Delta County Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan.

Hearing no objections, it was the consensus of the Delta County Joint Governmental Units of Government to proceed with the submission of a Hannahville 2 percent grant funding application for a Delta County Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan.

Update Central U.P. Aquaculture

Economic Development Alliance (EDA), Director Vicki Schwab, presented information on the Central U.P. Aquaculture Group and the opportunity of raising fish for food brings to Delta County, the U.P. region, and Michigan. (See Attachment A) She advised a proposal to do more research on aquaculture, using trout, here in the Delta County was submitted to various Lansing State Government Departments. She asked the Delta County Joint Governmental Units of Government to write a letter to State Legislatures and State Government in support of aquaculture in Delta County.

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Update - Michigan Development Zone – Superior Trade Zone.

City Manager O'Toole updated members present on the "Superior Trade Zone" status. The Superior Trade Zone application was approved on March 24th. A what's next check list, as well as a Strategic Plan and a Board and Rules of Procedure, need to be developed.

Committee Member Announcements and Updates.

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

Next scheduled meeting was May 13, 2015.

Hearing no further public comment, meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Robert S. Richards, Escanaba City Clerk, Recording Secretary