

**JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 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:** Ryan Bergman Delta County Administrator, Escanaba Delta County Commissioners David Rivard and John Malnar, Escanaba City Mayor Marc D. Tall, Escanaba City Manager James V. O'Toole, Escanaba Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski, City Clerk Robert S. Richards, William Farley, Wells Township Supervisor, Cornell Township Supervisor Steve Rose, Peter Van Steen and Richard Smith of CUPPAD, John Wolf of Ensign Township, Greg Johnson of Bark River Township, Danielle Branz of Congressman Benishek Office, Michele Lemire of Escanaba Area Public Schools, Doug Leisenring of the Intermediate School District, Jody Nelson of the Delta County Road Commission, Glendon Brown and Marilyn Kinsey Brown, and members of the public and media.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion – Solar Power in Delta County and the South Central UP.**

Delta County Commissioner David Rivard along with Marilyn Kinsey Brown led a discussion concerning a pilot solar power concept for Delta County. (See Attachment – A) Mrs. Kinsey Brown stated solar panel costs have dropped by 70 percent, and solar power was free and clean energy. They suggested discussions should begin Country-wide to develop a concept for Delta County.

**Update – Hannahville Indian Community 2% Grant Applications.**

Escanaba Manager O'Toole provided an update on the recent submission of two grant applications made on behalf of the group for the Delta County-wide Master Bike Plan and the Superior Trade Zone.

**Veterans Assistance**

Danielle Branz of Congressman Benishek's Office, advised that a Veterans Assistance Fair at Bay College was scheduled on October 16, 2015, for area Veterans.

**Committee Member Announcements and Updates.**

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

Next scheduled meeting was October 14, 2015.

Hearing no further public comment, meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Robert S. Richards, Escanaba City Clerk, Recording Secretary