

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Wednesday, December 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. in the Escanaba City Council Chambers, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, Delta County.

Present: Dave Nyberg of the Governor's Office Upper Peninsula Representative, Escanaba Delta County Commissioners David Rivard and John Malnar, Escanaba Mayor Marc D. Tall, Escanaba City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Clerk Robert S. Richards, Kimberly Peterson Escanaba Recreation Director, Darla Falcon Gladstone City Manager, Janet Daasch of Garden Township, William Farley Wells Township Supervisor, Anne Milne and Richard Smith of CUPPAD, Pete Brock of Masonville Township, Greg Johnson of Bark River Township, and 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 Non-Motorized Pathway System Master Plan.

The group was updated on the recent approval of Hannahville funds for the creation of the Delta County Non-Motorized Pathway System Master Plan. Implementation of the planning process was reviewed by Anne Milne and Richard Smith of CUPPAD. The Main Goal was to promote Health benefits and Economic Development.

- Discussed maintenance issues as part of the plan;
- Proposed Initial Planning process;
- Identification of types of trails;

After discussion, it was the Consensus of those in attendance to proceed with CUPPAD to implement the Delta County Non-Motorized Pathway System Master Plan.

Committee Member Announcements and Updates.

Those in attendance also provided Items of Mutual Interest and Concern in their municipalities that included:

- Reallocation of remaining funds from the West Gladstone Bridge;
- Governor's plan for Infrastructure and Economic Development improvements, especially the proposal to study to create an new lock at the Soo Locks;
- Michigan's proposal for a new Energy Plan;
- Michigan Veteran's Exemption Program and lose of funds to municipalities;
- Update on Escanaba Ski Trail and new Meijers Store, Sale of City Power Plant, Joint County Planning Commission Training;
- Update on Gladstone Non-motorized Trail between Gladstone and Wells Township, Citizen's Guide on Gladstone Web Site, and survey to name the Downtown DDA Building.

Next scheduled meeting was January 13, 2016.

Hearing no further public comment, meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.