

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Monday, October 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. in the Escanaba City Council Chambers, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, Delta County.

Present: State Senator Tom Casperson, House Representative Beau LaFave, Escanaba Delta County Commissioner Theresa Nelson, Ryan Bergman Delta County Administrator, Escanaba Mayor Marc D. Tall, Council Member Ralph Blasier, Escanaba City Manager Patrick S. Jordan, Escanaba City Clerk Robert S. Richards, Wells Township Supervisor Matt Jenson, of Bark River Township, Intermediate School District (ISD) Doug Liesering, Economic Development Authority (EDA) Director Vicki Schwab, Stacy Haughey Department of Natural Resources, Gladstone/Rapid River Superintendent Jay Kulburtis, and members of the public and media.

Escanaba City Manager Patrick S. Jordan, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Casperson and State Representative LaFave updated members on the Dark Store Issue, Pension liability, DEQ lawsuits, and Detroit COBO Hall bailout.

Update – Delta County Economic Development Alliance

Delta County EDA Director Vicki Schwab provided an economic update for Delta County, which included local Business Manufacturing, Economic Gardening, Delta County Exports to 40 different countries, Healthcare, New Industries which included AquaCulture, Business Attraction, Superior Trade Zone, and High Speed Broadband to outlining communities.

Update – Solar Generation Project in the City of Escanaba

Escanaba City Manager Patrick Jordan provided an update on the potential solar generation project for the City and Delta County. He identified property west of the Delta County Airport Terminal as the potential site for the Solar Generation Project, and currently under a Geotechnical Study.

Discussion – Monthly Meeting Schedule

A discussion took place concerning setting an official revised meeting schedule for the monthly round table discussions. After discussion, it was suggested third Monday of each month, if there were agenda items, and suggested to try and schedule meetings when our State Representatives were available.

Committee Member Announcements and Updates.

Those in attendance also provided Items of mutual interest and concern in their municipalities.

Next scheduled meeting was November 8, 2017.

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Hearing no further public comment, meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Robert S. Richards, Escanaba City Clerk, Recording Secretary