

City of Algoma
Ad Hoc Ferry Boat Committee Minutes
January 18, 2006

The regular meeting of the Ad Hoc Ferry Boat Committee was called to order by the chairman at 6:10 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2006, at City Hall. Present were Ken Taylor (chairman), Gini Haske, Tom Ackerman, Jason Wiese, Kevin Naze, Tom Levy and Russ Ritchie. John Gard and Doug Kostichka were also present.

Moved by Russ, second by Tom: to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Tom, second by Gini: to approve the October 9th minutes. Motion carried.

A report from the trip to Frankfort, Michigan was presented. Frankfort officials are anxious to work with Algoma on the project and have created a similar ad hoc committee to manage the effort.

McCaughrin Maritime Marine Systems informed the committee that both Kewaunee and Sturgeon Bay are interested in hosting a ferry boat running to Frankfort. MMMS will consider the Algoma location exclusively until June 12, 2008.

John Gard offered his insights into acquiring state and federal funding for the project: know what you want to do, know what you need to do it, be aggressive in seeking funding. You don't get what you don't ask for.

The committee determined tasks to be worked on for the next meeting, including: an economic impact study by Main Street (Gini); further site development (Jason); check water depths (Kevin); presentation for granting authorities (Russ); further contact with MMMS (Tom); and begin discussions with local state reps (Ken).

There was a consensus to meet again on Thursday, February 8, at 6 p.m. in City Hall.

Moved by Gini, second by Tom: to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.