

Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA)
August 1, 2011
Board Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pierce at 5:27 p.m. Board members present were: Clark, Potter, Schmidtke, and Baarts. Absent: Grupe. Other present were: Bryan Stading, RCEF Director, Jon Herzog, Business Facilitator for Martin County, and Rod Halverson, KSUM/KFMC Radio.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Baarts to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Potter, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2011 regular meeting of the EDA. Carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued pertaining to the proposed "Town Hall" meeting. Pierce stated that this was an effort by Sukalski, stating that it is a good idea and we should probably continue to plan for this meeting. Clark stated that he would take the lead and hold a planning meeting in mid September.

Herzog stated that all Community visits are done, stating that he felt they were successful and have received a few referrals because of these meetings. Stading stated that we let each community know that the EDA is here to support the city's economic development.

Herzog and Stading presented and reviewed the monthly client.

Herzog stated that the radio program with KSUM continues to be successful. Pierce suggested that Baarts be a part of the next radio program.

Herzog reviewed the final grant report for the DEED Grant-January 1, 2011- June 30 2011, stating that their were twelve (12) job created, five (5) businesses started, nine (9) businesses stabilized, five (5) businesses expanded, and a total of 40 clients served over the last six months. There were 397 hours provided in consultation services. Three business trainings were held and one career exploration event.

Motion by Schmidtke, seconded by Baarts to receive and file the DEED Grant final performance report for January 2011- June 2011. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Pierce, seconded by Clark to reluctantly accept the resignation of Lawrence Sukalski, effective August 1, 2011. Carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued on electing a new Board President. Pierce suggested tabling the issue of election of until the next meeting in order to give members time to decide who would be the Board's next president.

Discussion ensued on the new DEED grant for FY12. The FY12 grant is \$189,000 and is expected that organizations that are able to leverage Federal dollars will be eligible to submit an RFP. It is expected that Martin County will probably collaborate with the South Central Small Business Development Center in order to receive continued funding for the EDA's entrepreneurial business services

Bills were presented and reviewed.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Schmidtke to approve payment of bills as presented for June 7, 2011-August 1, 2011 in the amount of \$13,849.14. Carried unanimously

The year to date financial reports were also presented and reviewed by the Board. No action taken.

By consensus the next meeting date will be held on Monday, September 12, 2011, starting at 5:15 p.m. at the Courthouse (Fairmont).

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Clark, seconded by Potter to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

Chris Pierce, Vice- President, MCEDA

Attest: Randy Grupe, Secretary/Treasurer