

Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA)
April 5, 2010
Sisseton Conference Room

President Sukalski called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Board members present were: Clark, Grupe, Pierce and Boler. Absent: Schmidtke and Pribyl. Other present were: Scott Higgins, County Coordinator and no member of the public were present.

Sukalski gave a summary of the presentation by Easy Energy Systems (EES) in Welcome, MN. Sukalski stated that a tour was given to show a prototype of the ethanol-producing unit that EES is looking to manufacture. It was stated that the unit was impressive and could create a number of jobs in the county. Boler described the research EES is conducting a study to produce cellulose ethanol by using paper and has consulted with the Prairie land Compost facility in Truman. Sukalski stated that the use of ethanol would continue to grow. Sukalski stated that he has asked Stading (RCEF) to work with EES in any way he can in assisting EES in getting this project going. Grupe stated that these units have the potential for an international market. Pierce stated the need to get a built for other potential buyers to look at. Sukalski stated that the EDA would continue to do all it can to assist EES in getting this project up and running.

Motion by Boler, seconded by Grupe to approve the agenda. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Grupe, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010 regular EDA meeting as presented. Carried unanimously.

Sukalski noted that Stading was not present for his report and would move it to the end of the agenda in case he was able to return from meeting with EES company officials.

Higgins presented a request by RCEF for letter of support for grant application to the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) for entrepreneurial facilitation. The purpose of the grant is to assist business start-ups and existing businesses and proposing collaboration for entrepreneurial and business services which include intake, business planning, educational seminars and training. Higgins further stated that the grant application is for \$20,000 with a required cash and in-kind match. It is possible that the MCEDA is asked to partner with RCEF in this collaboration and may be asked to provide some financial support if RCEF is awarded the grant. It was determined by consensus to provide a letter of support for grant application by RCEF to SMIF.

Higgins presented the bills for March and April to be approved. After review by the Board,

Motion by Clark, seconded by Pierce to approve payment of the March and April 2010 bills. Carried unanimously.

Pierce inquired if there was some sort of funds available to use for revolving loan fund for businesses. Higgins replied that he would check into this and report back at the next meeting.

Higgins reviewed the year to date revenues and expenditures budget report for 2010 and the trial cash balance, and account activity report.

Stading arrived at the meeting at 6:00pm. Stading provided a copy of the internship program brochure developed by the intern for the board to review.

By consensus, it was determined to hold the next meeting on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 5:00p.m.in the Commissioner's Board room.

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Pierce, seconded by Grupe to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19p.m.

Lawrence Sukalski, President, MCEDA

Attest: Chris Pierce, Secretary/Treasurer