

Martin County Economic Development Authority
August 4, 2008, 5:00pm
Commissioner's Board Room

Meeting called to order by President Sukalski at 5:11pm. Present were: Grupe, Clark, Boler, Schmidtke. Absent: Kotewa, Pierce. Also present were Scott Higgins, County Coordinator and Linda Meschke, Rural Advantage.

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

Motion by Boler, seconded by Grupe to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2008 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Meschke stated that the EDA has been approved to submit a full application to the Southern Minnesota Imitative Foundation (SMIF) Biobusiness grant. The grant application is due September 1, 2008. Meschke reviewed the project being submitted as part of the grant. After discussion,

Motion by Clark, seconded by Boler to approve and authorize Sukalski to sign the grant application and proposal to the Southern Minnesota Initiative Fund -Biobusiness grant for \$25,000. Carried unanimously

Board discussed subcommittee structure for the EDA. By consensus of Board- Chair for the Finance Committee is C. Pierce and chair for the Marketing/Communications Committee is J. Clark. Clark reiterated the need to get citizens involved with the Committees.

By consensus of the Board, it was determined to advertise the EDA and the IGNITE program on the local radio station and to include live remotes at the County Fair-August 11-17th.

There was discussion on developing marketing packets/brochures for the County. It was determined to obtain samples from other County EDA's and surrounding city EDA's.

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for September 2008, 3:00pm- 5:00pm at the Courthouse. The Commission will finalize mission/vision statements and priorities during this meeting.

There were no bills to be paid in August 2008.

With no further business to wit, on a motion by Grupe, seconded by Clark to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Lawrence Sukalski, MCEDA Chair

ATTEST: Chris Pierce, Secretary/Treasurer