

Martin County Economic Development Authority
September 15, 2008, 5:00pm
Commissioner's Board Room

Meeting called to order by President Sukalski at 5:11pm. Members present were: Pierce, Grupe, and Boler. Others present were: S. Higgins, County Coordinator.

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

No minutes to approve this meeting.

Higgins provided the final draft of the Vision and Mission statements for the Martin County EDA for approval. After discussion,

Motion by Boler, seconded by Pierce, Be It Resolved that the Martin County EDA hereby approves the Vision and Mission statements as follows:

Vision Statement:

“To facilitate, support and encourage Martin County Entrepreneurs, start-ups and existing business owners with their ideas working from the bottom up; as to prepare and sustain our vibrant community for the future with strategic planning, community ownership and a highly approachable cohesive organization.”

Mission Statement:

“The Mission of the Martin County EDA program is to Inspire the Growth and Nurture Innovative Entrepreneurs Through Empowerment (IGNITE).”

Carried unanimously.

The Board discussed establishing priorities and objectives for the EDA. Sukalski stated the need to grow existing business in the county so that they would stay here and expand here and to that the EDA be a one stop resource for businesses. Pierce stated the need to contact other EDA's in the state and find out how they have established their priorities and conduct business.

By consensus the Board determined to wait to act on establishing objective and priorities until all board members are present in order to give them an opportunity to have input.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of the EDA to host a reception or luncheon for Commissioner Dan McElroy's visit to Fairmont. Pierce stated that it was brought to his attention that the Commissioner of DEED was planning to visit Fairmont businesses on

October 17, 2008, but has not been confirmed at this time. By consensus, the Board approved to be a part or host a reception during the Commissioners' visit. Sukalski stated that the EDA board members should take the opportunity to meet with him and let him know what projects and accomplishments the County EDA has done.

Higgins stated that a booth is available for the upcoming BioEnergy Days Conference to be held September 30, 2008-October 3, 2008 at the Mankato State University (MSU) campus. Higgins further stated that there is interest from local businesses and the city to be included as part of the booth.

Motion by Grupe, seconded by Pierce, to approve and authorize expenses and per diems for the International BioEnergy Days conference to be held September 30, 2008-October 3, 2008 at the MSU campus in Mankato; and to approve expenses for those who wish to work the booth on behalf of the EDA. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Boler, seconded by Schmidtke to approve and authorize per diems and expenses for attendance to the Blandin Foundation seminar on Broadband for communities to be held this month. Carried unanimously.

By consensus, the next regular meeting of the EDA Board will be held on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Boler, seconded by Pierce to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.

Lawrence Sukalski, MCEDA Chair

ATTEST: Chris Pierce, Secretary/Treasurer