

**Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA)**  
**November 27, 2007- 5:30 P.M.**  
**Commissioner Board Room**

Meeting called to order by Chair Sukalski at 5:31pm. Those present were Kotewa, Pierce, Boler, Schmidtke. Absent Clark and Grupe. Staff and public present: Higgins, County Coordinator, Stading, RCEF, Davis, Resource Connections, B. Gunther, State Representative, Barb Steir, Intern Downtown Association. Other public present-R. Strom, L.Lein, Dr. Skow, R. Oberhelman, Jeff, Rural Advantage.

Motion by Kotewa, seconded by Schmidtke, to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously

No minutes to approve.

Final review of IGNITE event to be held on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Davis stated that there were approximately twenty-two business service providers and entrepreneurs will each have a booth. Have talked with Steve at KC Hall and presented floor plan for event. Food will be pulled pork sandwiches, relish trays, potato chips, and cake, coffee, and punch. Have received donations and pledges from the Martin County Bankers Association has donated hundreds of dollars for the food. All Media sources have has been invited.

The following will need to be completed: name tags, program, evaluation/contact cards, appreciation notes, certificates, and Television show with Al Travis on Thursday.

Commission discussed conducting survey of those in attendance of what they thought of the event. Some suggestions included survey letters, web survey (i.e. Survey Monkey), or survey cards. Discussed having door prize as incentive to turn in survey cards.

The Commission discussed the Program. By consensus, it was determined to that Sukalski would welcome everyone, hand out certificate of appreciation, Kay Sauk, to give entrepreneur perspective, and Schmidtke to give closing remarks.

County staff will follow up on the unfinished items discussed for the IGNITE kickoff.

Boler left the meeting.

Ron Strom and Rex Oberhelman, Blue Ribbon Foundation gave presentation on ethanol production from switch grass. After the presentation, Oberhelman requested a letter of support from the EDA Commission for the Blue Ribbon Foundation proposal.

After discussion, by consensus of the members to place the letter of support request from the Blue Ribbon Foundation on the next Commission agenda.

Higgins stated that there is a business request from a local business to discuss a business proposal and suggested that two Commission members talk with this individual(s).

With no further business to wit, motion by Schmidtke, seconded by Pierce to adjourn. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

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Lawrence Sukalski, Chair, MCEDA

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Attest: Chris Pierce, Secretary/Treasurer