

**Board Minutes of the
Martin County EDA
May 1, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Martin County Economic Development Authority was called to order by Chris Pierce at 5:15pm. Those present were Randy Grupe, Dan Schmidtke, Elliot Belgard, Steve Fosness, Brent Schultze and Larry Baarts. Also present were Scott Higgins, County Coordinator, Bryan Stading, RCEF, Rod Halverson KSUM/KFMC radio.

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

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Baarts to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 Board minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

Higgins reviewed the final 2016 EDA Annual report including revisions.

Steve Hawkins, 1590 Project Committee and Diane Bettin, Martin County Pork Producers, were present to discuss a county “branding” project, stating that group is looking to establish a brand for the county, requesting the support of the EDA; and to be involved with the process.

Pierce inquired of the timeline.

Hawkins responded that we are working to put a committee together to begin work on creating the vision and brand for county.

Pierce thanked Hawkins and Bettin for the presentation.

Stading reviewed the April 2017 business consultation report with the Board. There were a total of 14 facilitation sessions for a total of 20 hours.

Higgins inquired what other information the board would like to see on the monthly business facilitation report.

Fosness stated that it would be helpful to get an idea or projection of the number of jobs created or employees that may be affected when working with new or existing businesses.

Pierce stated it would be good to capture the investment capitol on the various businesses and startups.

Stading stated we will include these into future reports.

Stading gave a brief update stating that Crystal Hanson in on board as an independent contractor for business facilitation, stating that she has a strong background in Human Resources.

Higgins stated that the board had discussed continuing its outreach to the local cities in the county and will work to set up an EDA meeting in Truman.

Higgins presented and reviewed the bills for approval for April 4, 2017-May 1, 2017 in the amount of \$2,318.50, with the addition of mileage reimbursement for Bryan Stading in the amount of \$1,619.72 for a total amount of \$3,938.22.

Motion by Fosness, seconded by Schultze to approve the bills as presented for April 4, 2017-May 1, 2017 in the amount of \$3,398.22. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the April 2017 Year to date financial reports, with a cash balance of \$230,845.91.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Grupe to received and file the April 2017 monthly EDA financial report. Carried unanimously.

Higgins reviewed briefly the final Border to Border Grant contract with the Board.

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2017 at 5:15pm at the Courthouse.

With no further business to wit,

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm

Chris Pierce, Board President

Brent Schultze, Board Secretary/Treasurer