

**Board Minutes of the
Martin County EDA
June 5, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Martin County Economic Development Authority was called to order by Dan Schmidtke at 5:18pm. Those present were Elliot Belgard, Steve Fosness, and Larry Baarts Absent: Chris Pierce, Randy Grupe, and Brent Schultze. Also present were Scott Higgins, County Coordinator, Bryan Stading, RCEF, Rod Halverson KSUM/KFMC radio and Jason Sorenson, Sentinel Reporter

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

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Baarts to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 Board minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

No old Business.

Stading reviewed the May 2017 business consultation report with the Board. There were a total of 19 facilitation sessions for a total of 18.5 hours.

Stading informed the board that legislation was passed to provide grants for small business development, which was provided to the Minnesota State University -SBDC and RCEF, to include a number of counties including Martin County in the amount of \$250,000 over two years. Stading stated that the RCEF will apply for the grant.

Higgins presented and reviewed the CY2018 budget request packet with the Board, stating that the initial budget request is due June 15, 2017. Higgins stated that typically the executive committee meets to prepare the initial budget request and brings to the full board for approval. Higgins stated that he would set a meeting in the near future with the EDA officers to prepare the initial EDA budget request for CY2018.

Higgins presented and reviewed the bills for approval for May 2, 2017-June 5, 2017 in the amount of \$2,857.42.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Baarts to approve the bills as presented for May 2, 2017- June 5, 2017 in the amount of \$2,857.42. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the May 2017 Year to date financial reports, with a cash balance of \$223, 923.39.

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

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

There is not July Board meeting. The next board meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2017 at 5:15pm at the Courthouse.

Higgins reviewed the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) allocation request of \$2,000 for CY2018; and the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) in the amount of \$4,000 for CY2018; and the University of Minnesota Extension-Study of Resident Retention in Rural Minnesota (USDA Grant). Stading informed the board that he has discussed this grant with staff at U of M Extension and indicated that we would be interested in the study as well and would help with the project where we able to. Also, included in the agenda packets was the MAPCED quarterly meeting to be held June 16, 2017. Higgins gave an update of that the legislature had approved \$20 million for this year's Border to Border grant round, stating that it would be good to get a project together and apply for grant funds to improve broadband in the county.

With no further business to wit,

Motion by Fosness, seconded by Baarts to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm

Dan Schmidtke, Board Member

Brent Schultze, Board Secretary/Treasurer