

Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA)
August 4, 2014
Board Room-Martin County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Grupe at 5:18 p.m. Board members present were: Elliot Belgard, Larry Baarts, Jerry Clark, Steve Pierce, and Brent Schultze. Absent: Chris Pierce. Others present: Bryan Stading, Business Facilitator for Martin County EDA, and Scott Higgins, County Coordinator.

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

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Schultze to approve the minutes of the regular EDA meeting held on June 2, 2014 as presented. Carried unanimously.

Belgard gave a brief update on the “Back Home Again” program and stated he attended the program. It is anticipated that they will look for participation from the EDA with the Program. Belgard further stated that the issue is to make sure there is staff to administer the program and keep it going if it were to move forward.

Stading stated that there were a number of business leaders, workforce center staff, and other community leaders who were in attendance.

Peirce stated his concerns on how this will be accomplished and that there could be alternatives to this type of program. Pierce further stated that the consideration of an outside firm to conduct this program shouldn't be necessary, when we can do it locally.

Clark stated that we need a scope of services for the program.

Stading we will need to wait until the next meeting to and that there was no new information to share with the Board at this time.

Grupe stated that the board will need more information and will place on next month's board agenda.

Stading presented the monthly client report for June and July 2014. In June there were 14 sessions, for a total of 46.5 hours. In July, there were 14 sessions for a total of 37 hours.

Higgins presented and reviewed the preliminary proposed CY2015 budget for the EDA. The total expenses projected for CY2015 is \$31,000, with total tax levy of \$31,000.

Higgins stated that it has been approximately six years since the EDA has held a strategic planning session, which was held in 2008. Included in the packet was the mission and vision statement for the EDA, along with the action plan, which included the listing of

priorities for the EDA. After further discussion, by consensus the board determined to move forward setting up a strategic planning session.

Higgins presented the bills to be paid for June 3, 2014-August 4, 2014 in the amount of \$3,063.45.

Motion by Pierce, seconded by Baarts, to approve payment of bills as presented for June 3, 2014-August 4, 2014. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the monthly CY2014 YTD Financial Statements.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2014 at 5:15pm in the Board room (Martin County Courthouse).

The Board reviewed the information and reports included in the board packets which included a Thank you letter from Serenades, University of Minnesota Brain Gain Seminar, MAPCED quarterly meeting minutes, and MAPCED membership brochure.

With no further business to wit,

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Randy Grupe, Vice-President, MCEDA

Jerry Clark, Secretary/Treasurer