

Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA)
December 1, 2014
Board Room-Martin County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by C. Pierce at 5:19 p.m. Board members present were: Elliot Belgard, Randy Grupe, Steve Pierce, Jerry Clark and Larry Baarts Absent: Brent Schultze. Others present: Bryan Stading, Business Facilitator for Martin County EDA.

Motion by Grupe, seconded by Baarts to approve the minutes of the regular EDA meeting held on November 3, 2014. Carried unanimously.

C. Pierce gave a brief update on the “Brain Gain” project and stated that Margaret Dillard, Director Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce and the staff with the City of Fairmont will handle some of the day to day activity. The estimated cost for the proposed program is approximately \$5,000-\$10,000 per year to maintain the program. Need to obtain a Domain name for the program as well as a name for the program.

Stading informed the board that there will be an Ag meeting at the South Central College on this week on Thursday, December 4th and noted that Lawrence Sukalski (Martin County) will be speaking at the conference.

Stading gave monthly business consultation report for November.

There was a brief discussion the proposed radio promotion program. Mike Murphy was not in attendance of the meeting. No action taken.

S. Pierce gave a brief update on the Blandin Broad Band program and stated that once he completes his term as Commissioner next month, he would like to stay involved with the broad band project if he could.

Board membership was discussed and C. Pierce and Randy Grupe will be eligible to serve one more three year term.

Motion by Baarts, seconded by Clark, to recommend the re-appointment by the Martin County Board of Commissioners, Chris Pierce and Randy Grupe to a third three year term. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented the bills to be paid on December 1, 2014 in the amount of \$2,423.46.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Grupe, to approve payment of bills as presented to be paid on December 1, 2014 in the amount of \$2,423.46.00. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the monthly CY2014 YTD Financial Statements.

The Chair reviewed information included in the agenda packets including the agenda for the upcoming Martin County Leadership day class schedule for December 3, 2014,

MAPCED meeting agenda for December 8, 2014 during the AMC Annual Conference, and MAPCED Legislative Platform for 2015.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2015 at 5:15pm in the Board room (Martin County Courthouse).

With no further business to wit,

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Chris Pierce, President, MCEDA

Jerry Clark, Secretary/Treasurer