

**Board Minutes of the
Martin County EDA
May 6, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Martin County Economic Development Authority was called to order by Brent Schultze at 5:15pm. Those present were: Larry Baarts, Steve Fosness, Wes Anderson, Elliot Belgard, and Richard Koons. Absent: Tim Terfehr. Also present were Scott Higgins, Bryan Stading, RCEF.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Fosness to approve the agenda with one addition, Don Holtz Request on Business Assistance with water issue with the City of Trimont. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Fosness, seconded by Koons to approve the minutes of April 1, 2019 regular EDA Board meeting. Carried unanimously.

Holtz presented his concerns for City of Trimont's requirement for two water bills on one meter with estimated usage. He provided comparisons with previous building owners and other cities stating that all had one water bill. Holtz informed the board that he has tried to address the City Council with the matter and seems can't get through the city with this issue. Holtz inquired on what the next steps he could do for his business. After discussion, it was determined based on what was presented, that the matter should be discussed with the Trimont City Council and maybe they would be able to hear Holtz concerns and address them accordingly. It was noted that the EDA does not have jurisdiction over the city. Bryan Stading and Richard Koons would accompany Holtz at the upcoming council meeting to as part of the business facilitation program get a better understanding of the issue.

Holtz thanked the board for listening to his concerns and the assistance to resolve his business issues with the city.

Stading gave an update on the proposed legislation for continued funding for entrepreneurial business facilitation services, stating that Representative Gunther has authored a bill in the amount of \$150,000 for RCEF and a host entity for continuing business consultation services by RCEF. At this point, the House File and Senate File do not have the same language. Stading further stated that language in the bill allows expenditure of the grant on overhead costs, which is a good thing and what we were looking for in the bill. The bill requires a host entity or RCEF, which would include a county or higher education institute.

There was discussion on what potential options if bill does not pass and how the business facilitation services would continue for the EDA.

Belgard stated we need to look at a contingency plan.

Koons responded that we are not broke in the EDA fund.

Stading reviewed the April 2019 business consultation report with the Board. There were a total of twenty seven (27) facilitation sessions for a total of 40.75 hours.

Stading gave a brief update on legislation for continued funding for business facilitation for RCEF.

Higgins reviewed the CY2020 Preliminary Budget Request. It was determined that the EDA Officers formulate the CY2020 Budget for recommendation to the full EDA Board.

Higgins presented and reviewed the bills for approval and ratification for April 2, 2019-May 6, 2019 in the amount of \$9,553.64. Higgins stated that the total service hours for RCEF for the month of April was 62.5 hours, which exceeded the maximum of 60 hours for the month per the agreement with RCEF.

After discussion, by consensus of the Board to give approval since previous months were under the maximum hours.

Motion by Belgard, seconded by Fosness to ratify the bills for April 2, 2019-May 6, 2019 in the amount of \$9,553.64; and to approve the service hours beyond 60 per the agreement with RCEF. Carried unanimously

The Board reviewed the April 2019 Year to date financial reports, with a listed EDA fund balance of \$273,108.23.

Motion by Fosness, seconded by Baarts to receive and file the EDA April 2019 monthly financial reports. Carried unanimously.

Higgins reviewed the following information included in the board packets; MAPCED February 13, 2019 meeting minutes.

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2019 at 5:15pm at the Courthouse.

With no further business to wit,

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm

Brent Schultze, Board President

Larry Baarts, Board Secretary/Treasurer