

A G E N D A
HARDEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009 9:00A.M.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
107 EAST MAIN STREET, WAUCHULA, FLORIDA

Council: **Rick Justice-Chairman**
 John Barlow-Vice Chairman Dana English LavonCobb
 Marcus Shackelford Jama Abbott Paul Samuels
 Nancy Craft Lory Durrance Mike Manley
 Joe Albritton Rick Knight
 Keith Davis

Director William Lambert
County Attorney Ken Evers

Chairman Justice – Call to Order.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:
Tuesday February 10, 2009
Copy of Minutes provided

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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DIRECTOR’S REPORT-Bill Lambert

Tab 1 Budget Update
A. Copy of current budget provided.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: No action required.

Tab 2 EDC Planning Session Follow Up
B. Copy of Intergovernmental Summit Analysis Provided.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: No action required.

Tab 3 Fire Capacity Fees
C.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: No action required.

Tab 4
D Alternative Fuel Summit Report

ACTION RECOMMENDED: No action required.

MARKETING REPORT

Tab 5
A. Loop Net: Update on internet hits.
Copy of Listing Activity Report provided.

FINANCE REPORT-Mike Manley, Sarah Pelham

Tab 6
A. Finance Report
Copy of Monthly Financial Report provided.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Motion to approve financial report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY KEN EVERS

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ABOVE APPOINTMENT TIMES MAY BE ADJUSTED AS DEEMED
NECESSARY UNLESS IT IS AN ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING.**

*Hardee County Economic Development Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2009*

Attendees: Rick Justice-Chairman, John Barlow-Vice Chairman, Jama Abbott, Lavon Cobb, Keith Davis, Joe Albritton, Lory Durrance, Rick Knight, Mike Manley, Paul Samuels, Dana English, Bill Lambert, Ken Evers, Sarah Pelham

Absent: Marcus Shackelford

Visitors: Jessica Newman – Main Street Wauchula

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Justice at 9:00 am.

Minutes: Motion was made by John Barlow and seconded by Rick Knight to approve the January 13, 2009 minutes. Motion approved.

Agenda: A motion was made by John Barlow and seconded by Dana English to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Director's Report

EDC Planning Session Open Discussion: Open discussion was held regarding the planning session to be held on February 18. Lavon stated there should be a workshop held with the commissioners, building department and planning and zoning. Try to find a way to be more customer service oriented. Lory Durrance said, the private sector is 100% customer service oriented.

Bill stated that we are still an Ag community, but Ag is shrinking. We need to find an alternative.

Jama Abbott stated we need to clean up and decide what we want to become. Discussion was held regarding cleaning up the schools, streets, neighborhoods.

Discussion was held on the need for training sessions for county departments. Rick Knight suggested a question box be placed for people to express their thoughts. Bill stated the information comes in bits and pieces; we don't have a fluid way to manage the process.

The planning session will be the first focus group to discuss these matters. Other groups will be formed as well.

Fred Ford's Contract: Ken Evers will receive the contract today.

Marketing Report

Loop Net Report: The board reviewed the attached Loop net report in the packet.

Finance Report

Finance Report:

Motion was made by John Barlow and seconded by Joe Albritton to accept the Financial Report.
Motion approved.

There was no other business to come before the board. John Barlow motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.