

A G E N D A
HARDEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009 9:00A.M.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
107 EAST MAIN STREET, WAUCHULA, FLORIDA

Council: **Rick Justice-Chairman**
 John Barlow-Vice Chairman Dana English Lavon Cobb
 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 March 10, 2009
Copy of Minutes provided

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES AND PAGERS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Bill Lambert

Tab 1

A. Project Status Report

- Airport
- Veritest
- Manufactured Housing
- HNIL
- Project W
- Synagro
- Verenium
- Hameltronics
- Assisted Living Facility
- Spec Building
- Venezuelan Brake Plant
- Heartland Property and Casualty
- Intergovernmental Agency Focus Group (Copy of questionnaire provided)
- Agriculture Focus Group

ACTION RECOMMENDED: No action required.

MARKETING REPORT

Tab 2

- A.** Loop Net: Update on internet hits.
Copy of Listing Activity Report provided.

Tab 3

- B.** Business Images Ad
Copy of Ad provided

FINANCE REPORT-Mike Manley, Sarah Pelham

Tab 4

- 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

ADJOURN

**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
March 10, 2009*

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

Absent:

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 Nancy Craft to approve the February 10, 2009 minutes. Motion approved.

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

Director's Report

Budget Update: Bill Lambert and Sarah presented an updated budget that reflect more clearly where the Financials stand for the year. This budget reflects moving expenses and adjustments for rent.

EDC Planning Session Follow Up: A copy of the follow up analysis was included for the board members to review. The Planning Session went well and more sessions are being planned. Next the EDC will hold an Ag Focus Group which will look at the state of Agriculture as it stands today and try to develop strategies for the future.

Fire Capacity Fees: 0-10,000 sq ft \$3825.00, 10,000 sq ft and above \$3,825.00 + .1923/sf x 10,000 + 3,825.00. A copy of the new fee schedule was provided to the board members for review.

Alternative Fuel Summit: Bill Lambert attended this workshop in Lakeland with Lex Albritton and Parker Keen. Bill stated the workshop was a good opportunity. Jathropha was discussed. All is dead from the cold. Alganol is a real potential.

Marketing Report

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

Finance Report

Finance Report:

Motion was made by Nancy Craft and seconded by John Barlow 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 seconded by Jama Abbott. Meeting was adjourned.