

***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.