

***Hardee County Economic Development Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 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, Nancy Craft, Bill Lambert, Ken Evers, Sarah Pelham

Absent: Dana English

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

Minutes: Motion was made by John Barlow and seconded by Mike Manley to approve the April 14, 2009. Motion approved.

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

Director's Report

Ben Albritton:

Ben Albritton could not make it to the meeting due to a prior commitment. Joe Albritton informed the board that Ben will be running for State House of Representatives.

NHIL: Presentation:

The doctors with NHIL came before the board to give a presentation on their company. They spoke about their desire to grow, produce and sell natural products. They also spoke about employment possibility.

The EDC office is continuing to work with them in finding the best scenario for their operation.

Marketing Report

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

Loop Net Cancellation: The board voted to keep Loop Net and have the Marketing Committee formulate a new marketing ad within 90 days.

Business Images Magazine: A copy of the Business Images Magazine was given out to the board. FHREDI has sent a list 80 site selectors that have been mailed copies so far, they are also working with Enterprise Florida in distributing copies to the proper people.

Finance Report

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Motion was made by John Barlow and seconded by Marcus Shackelford 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 Rick Knight. Meeting was adjourned.