

***Hardee County Economic Development Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009***

Attendees: Rick Justice – Chairman, John Barlow-Vice Chairman, Lavon Cobb, Keith Davis, Lory Durrance, Jim See, Joe Albritton, Marcus Shackelford, Rick Knight, Mike Manley, John O'Neal, Nancy Craft, Bill Lambert, Ken Evers, Sarah Pelham

Absent: Paul Samuels, Jama Abbott

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

Minutes: A motion was made by John Barlow and was seconded by Mike Manley to approve the August 10, 2009 minutes. Motion approved.

Agenda: A motion was made by John Barlow and seconded by Keith Davis to approve the agenda with the addition of a Director's Report. Motion approved.

Director's Report

Bill Lambert led a discussion regarding EDA funding, the WSI application (Landfill) and meat processing plant.

Apollo Solar Energy Company: Bill Lambert, Lory Durrance, Rick Justice, Jim See and Rick Knight spoke about their trip to Taiwan. Bill went over the company's letter of intent. Each member of the group discussed their perspective on the trip. The meeting was successful and the Taiwan individuals will be coming to Hardee County for a visit in the next couple of weeks.

There is some concern from the board regarding government restrictions here compared to the Taiwan government.

The company has plans to continue developments in the Eastern Hemisphere, but wants to expand into the United States.

A Marketing Committee meeting will be called to discuss the itinerary for their visit. A schedule of sites to visit should be developed.

Marketing Report

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

Finance Report

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A 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. A motion was made by Mike Manley and seconded by John Barlow to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.