

Hardee County Economic Development Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2009

Meeting called to order at 9:02 by Rick Justice, Prayer by Marcus Shackelford

Motion to approve minutes by Barlow, 2nd by Knight: approved

Motion to approve agenda by Barlow, 2nd by Shackelford: approved with addition of Tab 2A – Fred Ford

Election of Officers:

Chairman: John Barlow

Vice Chairman: Joe Albritton

Sec/Treasure: Mike Manley

Calendar for 2009 – 2010 was approved with meeting dates set

Heard a report by Mr. Fred Ford that another site for the airport we had been pursuing in Hardee County was being considered for a site in a different County. An emotional Mr. Ford regretted Hardee County's apparent inability to secure a site certain for the pursuit of continue. Mosaic and Van Fleet are still attempting to resolve issues so that a site can be made available in Hardee.

Heard a report from Director Lambert on NHIL with a consensus by the EDC to continue pursuit of NHIL.

Heard a report from Director Lambert regarding Hardee County being designated as a homeopathic "enclave" for persons practicing and seeking homeopathic/naturopathic forms of health care.

Heard a report on continuing development of Solar panel manufacturing in Hardee County as well as working with USF Polytech and Dr. Marshal Goodman on all forms of alternative energy for this area of the State. Discussion included the establishment of a leaning center in downtown Wauchula followed with an "entrepreneurial" center for increase in business development.

Heard a report from the Marketing Committed presenting Hardee County on "Inside Business Report." This will be developed over the next 90 days.

Heard a presentation from Tim Salapec, Steven Southwell, and Bo Conerly on WSI proposal to construct a Regional Landfill in Hardee County in the SE corner of county off of 10 Mile Grade.

Approval of Budget: Tabled for additional review by Mr. Manley and advance receipt by EDC members prior to the next meeting. (Samuels, motion and Shackelford, 2nd)

Finance Report: tabled subject to Manley review of apparent "double" booking of an undisclosed line item. Issue to be resolved or corrected prior to next presentation. (Knight, motion and O'neal 2nd)

Motion by Cobb, 2nd by Shackelford to pay Allen, Norton and Blue, Labor attorney annual payment for one more year. Review necessity of continuation of payment at next year's cycle.