

HARDEE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)
(INDEPENDENT BOARD)
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
412 WEST ORANGE STREET, ROOM 102
WAUCHULA, FLORIDA 33873
MAY 25, 2010 8:30 A.M.

MINUTES

Members:

David Royal, Vice-Chairman, P
Bill Beattie, P
Paul Samuels, P
Vanessa Hernandez, P
Roger Hood, P

Bridget Merrill, via telephone
Perry Knight, A
Bill Lambert, Chairman, P
Bobby Smith, P

County Attorney Ken Evers, P
Office Manager Sandy Meeks, P

County Manager Lexton H. Albritton, Jr., P

Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MOTION by Royal, second by Hernandez to approve the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION by Royal, second by Samuels to approve the February 23, 2010, regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

I. Legislative Update.

Chairman Lambert explained to the Board how they had asked their Legislative Delegation to consider making some amendments to the statute that created the Hardee County Economic Development Authority and went over the changes that were made. He then touched on how the original intent of the money was job creation. **MOTION by Smith, second by Hood** to accept the changes reflected in House Bill 1627 and direct County Manager to change all the necessary documents to correspond with the changes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

II. Acknowledge receipt of Clerks Financial Report for periods ending 02/28/10, 03/31/10, and 04/30/10.

MOTION by Royal, second by Smith to acknowledge receipt of Clerks Financial Report for periods ending 02/28/10, 03/31/10, and 04/30/10. **Motion carried unanimously.**

III. Acknowledge receipt of letter from the Agency for Workforce Innovation reappointing Roger Hood for a three year term.

MOTION by Hernandez, second by Smith to acknowledge receipt of letter from the Agency for Workforce Innovation reappointing Roger Hood for a three year term. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Acknowledge receipt of letter from Enterprise Florida reappointing Bridget Merrill for a three year term.

MOTION by Smith, second by Hernandez to acknowledge receipt of letter from Enterprise Florida reappointing Bridget Merrill for a three year term. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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- V. Acknowledge receipt of letter from the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners reappointing Commissioner Bobby Ray Smith as the At Large – Commission Appointment and Bill Beattie as the Commission Appointment – Seat 8. Both of these terms will be for three years.

MOTION by Royal, second by Samuels to acknowledge receipt of letter from the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners reappointing Commissioner Bobby Ray Smith as the At Large – Commission Appointment and Bill Beattie as the Commission Appointment – Seat 8. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- VI. Acknowledge receipt of the Hardee County Economic Development Authority's Financial Statements period ending September 30, 2009.

MOTION by Royal, second by Hernandez to acknowledge receipt of the Hardee County Economic Development Authority's Financial Statements period ending September 30, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

- VII. Acknowledge receipt of Project Status Reports provided by the City of Wauchula, Industrial Development Authority, and the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman Lambert advised the Broadband Project was moving forward and they expected the cost to come in a little under budget, but there were some community safety features that they were unsure of what the costs would be. He also advised that since the project was awarded the counties of the Florida Rural Broadband Association have used our contribution and Rapid Systems contribution as a match for a grant application through the Federal Broadband Stimulus Program. Merrill also advised that the application was now in the due diligence phased which was a very good sign.

Olivia Minshew from the City of Wauchula advised the Harvest Aviation Program was complete and the Electric Substation was almost done. **MOTION by Hernandez, second by Samuels** to acknowledge receipt of Project Status Reports provided by the City of Wauchula, Industrial Development Authority, and the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- VIII. Acknowledge receipt of the Authority's timeline for current period.

Chairman Lambert advised applications would be due June04, 2010. He further advised their next meeting would be August 24, 2010.

Samuels asked if they had received their severance tax payment. Lambert advised they had and it was approximately \$1.9 million.

Meeting adjourned at 08:45 a.m.

William R. Lambert, Jr., Chairman

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