

Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership (MCEDP)
Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 17th, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.

Minutes

PRESENT

| Members | From | Ex-Officio | From | Others |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Joan Johnakin | District 5 | Joe Kinney | Mayor of Clio | Ron Munnerlyn |
| Randall Malichi – Chairman | City of Bennettsville | Bobby Brock | Mayor of Blenheim | Brandinika Ritter |
| Andy Rogers – Vice Chairman | Industrial Appointee | Jeremy Steen | Wallace Water | LC English |
| Luke Johnakin | District 2 | Dr. Carolyn Prince | County Council Chair | |
| Lorenza McRae | District 8 | | | |
| Gail Bullard | District 6 | | | |

ABSENT

| Members | From | Ex-Officio | From |
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| <i>Vacant</i> | District 1 | Stuart Ames | Duke Energy Progress |
| Bill Jennings | Industrial Appointee | Dr. Kyle Wagner | President of NETC |
| Frankie Frazier – Secretary/Treasurer | District 3 | William Fleming | Marlboro Electric Coop |
| Fred Thomas | City of Bennettsville | Dr. Gregory McCord | Superintendent of Marlboro County School District |
| Marlon Prince | District 4 | Heath Harpe | Mayor of Bennettsville |
| Keith Cheek | District 7 | | |
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CALL TO ORDER WITH INVOCATION – Chairman Randall Malichi called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. and delivered an invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The January 2019 minutes were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The Board unanimously agreed to approve the January minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The February 2019 financial reports were circulated and there were no items of note.

NETC VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER UPDATE – None

OLD BUSINESS

- Audit – Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn noted MCEDP is currently in line to have a financial audit.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution in Support of Regulatory Changes Regarding the Location of Free-Standing Emergency Department or Mini-Hospital in Marlboro County – Dr. Prince gave an overview on the impact to the EMS service since hospital closure. The County is working to qualify for a free standing emergency department and an exemption that would allow a NC hospital to be established. Director Munnerlyn presented a PowerPoint and discussed the details of the resolution (*handout*) asking for removal of the legal boundaries. Chairman Malichi moved that the Board support the process and a show of hands showed unanimous support of this effort.

- Membership Drive 2019-20 – Director Munnerlyn presented in PowerPoint the last years of membership dues budgeted versus actual income.
- Approval of 2019-20 Budget – Director Munnerlyn reviewed last year's expenses. Andy Rogers made a motion to approve the 2019-20 budget and the motion was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the budget.
- Request by NETC for Vocational Training Center Equipment Expenditure Approval – Director Munnerlyn noted NETC requested reimbursement for training center expenditures. Andy Rogers made a motion to reimburse NETC \$10,290.64 for training center equipment and the motion was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the NETC reimbursement.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

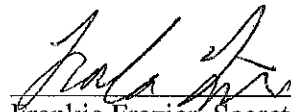
- Provided a handout on who is riding the bus system. Since January 2019 there has been growth in the Bennettsville route with 600 more rides per month. The bus system is taking time to catch on.
- Modular factory in Clio will have a job fair in the next three weeks.
- Workforce & Education committee has not been able to meet because Dr. Wagner has been out of town often.
- Delta Mills project needs a sewer plant before an interested prospect can move forward. Mr. Munnerlyn explained the prospect's interest in the property. Delta Mills has drawn in lots of interest.
- Boro Complex might be used as a warehouse, but need to acquire quotes for a new roof first. It also needs a dock. Rent could be used to make improvements.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – Luke Johnakin made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

We have complied with all notifications requirements for this meeting as contained in the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

1-22-19
Date



Frankie Frazier, Secretary

Mission Statement

Providing the resources to enhance economic growth and the quality of life in Marlboro County.