

Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership (MCEDP)
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 11th, 2017 - 3:30 pm

| Minutes | | | | |
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| PRESENT | | | | |
| Members | From | Ex-Officio | From | Others |
| Joan Johnakin | District 5 | Jason Steen | Chairman of County Council | Ron Munnerlyn |
| Lorenza McRae | District 8 | Joe Kinney | Mayor of Clio | Ben Fleming |
| Randall Malichi-Chairman | City of Bennettsville | Dr. Kyle Wagner | President of NETC | |
| Andy Rogers- Vice Chairman | Industrial Appointee | Stuart Ames | Duke Energy Progress | |
| Fred Thomas | City of Bennettsville | Bobby Brock | Mayor of Blenheim Marlboro Water | |
| Luke Johnakin | District 2 | Dr. John Lane | Superintendent of Marlboro County School District | |
| Keith Cheek | District 7 | Heath Harpe | Mayor of Bennettsville | |
| LC English | District 1 | | | |
| Gail Bullard | District 6 | | | |

| ABSENT | | | |
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| Members | From | Ex-Officio | From |
| Bill Jennings | Industrial Appointee | <i>Vacant</i> | Wallace Water |
| Frankie Frazier-Secretary/Treasurer | District 3 | William Fleming | Marlboro Electric Coop |
| Ken Harmon | District 4 | | |

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Randall Malichi called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION – Board member Fred Thomas delivered an invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The August and October 2017 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Joan Johnakin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Fred Thomas seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed to approve the August and October minutes.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER UPDATE – Dr. Wagner report:

- Sign has been installed and will be fully operational soon
- Other improvements to the building will be bid on in the following week
- The 9th grade program at the high school has been very successful
- The group was provided a handout expounding on NETC's programs related to workforce development
- Board member Luke Johnakin had several questions for Wagner related to the coordination between existing programs at MC High School and the new training center

COUNTY STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE – Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn report:

- A PowerPoint presentation explained the process and results of the strategic planning effort (*Attached*)
- There are several economic development related initiatives including the development of new industrial sites and the "push" for a four-lane Highway 38 from Bennettsville to Hamlet, NC

IMAGE COMMITTEE REPORT – Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn report:

- The group is working to identify all derelict structures in the County (including the cities and towns) in order to have a full assessment of the cost of county-wide clean-up
- The Board felt that a joint effort of all local governments would be the best method of obtaining funding and making a significant impact
- Marlboro County has begun clean-up efforts related to derelict mobile homes and also the “poker houses” in 15-401 near McColl

OLD BUSINESS

- Christmas gift card for Partnership staff
 - Mr. Munnerlyn asked that he not be given a gift card as has been the practice in the past but instead that the amount of his card be added to the value of the card provided to Brandi Ritter.
 - The Board approved a recommendation by Munnerlyn to purchase a \$400 gift card for Brandi Ritter – Motion by Luke Johnakin, Seconded by Lorenza McRae, Unanimous approval

NEW BUSINESS

- Wallace Water Company Appointee – Munnerlyn advised the Board that Jeremy Steen would be the new representative to the Board from Wallace Water Company
- District 6 Appointee – Gail Bullard was recognized and welcomed by Chairman Malachi as the new representative for the McColl area, having been appointed by County Council upon nomination by Councilman Verd Odom
- Sponsorships – Munnerlyn asked for input from the Board regarding the solicitations of sponsorships from the members in addition to membership dues. After some discussion it was agreed that MCEDP would NOT solicit sponsorships but instead request such funding for specific events instead of as an annual solicitation. This recommendation was approved unanimously on a motion by Andy Rogers and a second by Luke Johnakin.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Executive Director Munnerlyn reported on a number of items of interest
- Prospect Activity – Mr. Munnerlyn presented an annual breakdown of prospect activity (*Attached*)
- Mr. Munnerlyn recommended that the Workforce Development committee be reestablished in light of the severe need for the improvement of worker skills in the County and to have input on the NETC training center

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – Andy Rogers made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned.

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

1-22-2018
Date


Frankie Frazier, Secretary

Mission Statement

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