Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership (MCEDP) Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes							
PRESENT							
Members	From	Ex-Officio	From	Others			
Frankie Frazier	District 8	Jason Steen	Chairman of County Council	Brandinika Ritter			
Fred Thomas	City of Bennettsville						
Charles Paul Midgley- Chairman	District 3						
Ken Harmon	District 4						
Andy Rogers	Industrial Appointee						
LC English	District 1			•			
Randall Malichi- Vice Chairman	City of Bennettsville						

ABSENT					
Members	From	Ex-Officio	From		
Vacant	Industrial Appointee	James Quick	Wallace Water		
Vacant	District 7	Dr. Helena Tillar	Superintendent of Marlboro		
			County School District		
Ken Stroman-	District 5	Bobby Brock	Mayor of Blenheim		
Secretary/Treasurer			Marlboro Water		
Luke Johnakin	District 2	William Fleming	Marlboro Electric Coop		
		Dr. Kyle Wagner	President of NETC		
		Heath Harpe	Mayor of Bennettsville		
		David Johnson	District 6		
		Stuart Ames	Duke Energy Progress		

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Charles Paul Midgley called the meeting to order at 3:49pm.

OLD BUSINESS – Regarding Sale of Ford Flex – details for setting value of car, Chairman Midgley stated that at the November 2016 Board meeting a motion was made and passed to sell the Ford Flex. He asked for a motion to empower Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn to advertise for sale the 2012 Ford Flex owned by MCEDP in the December 15th Marlboro Herald-Advocate newspaper. The ad will reference soliciting sealed bids with a December 28th at noon deadline at which time bids will be opened and the car sold to the highest bid in excess of the reserve amount of \$7500. Ken Harmon made a motion to have the Executive Director advertise the sale of the Ford Flex in the upcoming newspaper with a bidding deadline of noon on December 28th and a minimum bid amount of \$7500. LC English seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Regarding Provision of car allowance to Executive Director – ratify past Board action (2011) and clarify amount, Chairman Midgley stated that during salary negotiations for a new County Administrator/Economic Developer, County Council Chairman Jason Steen contacted him in August 2016 to discuss the provision of a car allowance. Based on MCEDP Board action in April 2011, Chairman Midgley and Past Chairman David Johnson presented a letter to the County in August 2016 to confirm that a car allowance would be provided to the new Economic Developer. Chairman Midgley stated that he proposed the monthly car allowance amount to

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be \$800 during a discussion at the November 2016 MCEDP Executive Committee meeting. Since this was more than the \$700 amount that was approved by the Board in April 2011, the Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn requested a vote to ratify the action and increase the amount to \$800 per month. Chairman Midgley asked for a motion to this effect after noting that the 2015-2016 O&M vehicle expenses were \$3579.61 and that providing the car allowance would be lesser in cost than the Partnership continuing to provide expenses for the Ford Flex. Ken Harmon made a motion to provide the Executive Director with a car allowance in the amount of \$800 per month in lieu of providing him with a vehicle. Andy Rogers seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the motion. Ken Harmon expressed concerns of the car allowance staying in effect and then he amended his motion to reflect that the car allowance would remain in effect only during the time that Ron Munnerlyn served as MCEDP Executive Director. Frankie Frazier seconded the amended motion and the board unanimously approved that \$800 a month would be provided for exclusive use by the current Executive Director.

The Christmas gift card for Partnership staff was addressed by Chairman Midgley. He noted that in years past the Board has provided a \$100 gift card to the MCEDP Executive Director and Administrative Assistant. Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn requested that his amount be given to the Administrative Assistant. Frankie Frazier made a motion to provide Brandi Ritter with a \$200 gift card for Christmas and Fred Thomas seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion. Ken Harmon asked if the gift card amounts had been larger in the past. Brandi Ritter stated it had been larger in the past, but in most recent years it was a \$100 amount.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – Chairman Charles Paul Midgley asked for a motion of adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Ken Harmon and seconded by Frankie Frazier.

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

6-21-17 Date

Frankie Frazier, Secretary

Mission Statement

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