

Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership (MCEDP)
Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 – 8:00 am

Minutes				
PRESENT				
Members	From	Ex-Officio	From	Others
Ken Harmon	District 4	Dr. Carolyn Prince	County Council Chair	Ron Munnerlyn
Lorenza McRae	District 8			Brandinika Ritter
Randall Malichi – Chairman	City of Bennettsville			Dan McNiel
Andy Rogers – Vice Chairman	Industrial Appointee			
Luke Johnakin	District 2			
Gail Bullard	District 6			

ABSENT			
Members	From	Ex-Officio	From
Bill Jennings	Industrial Appointee	Jeremy Steen	Wallace Water
Frankie Frazier – Secretary/Treasurer	District 3	William Fleming	Marlboro Electric Coop
Fred Thomas	City of Bennettsville	Joe Kinney	Mayor of Clio
Keith Cheek	District 7	Dr. Kyle Wagner	President of NETC
LC English	District 1	Stuart Ames	Duke Energy Progress
Joan Johnakin	District 5	Bobby Brock	Mayor of Blenheim Marlboro Water
		Dr. John Lane	Superintendent of Marlboro County School District
		Heath Harpe	Mayor of Bennettsville

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Randall Malichi called the meeting to order at 8:05 am welcoming new County Council Chair Dr. Carolyn Prince to the MCEDP Board.

INVOCATION – Board member Ken Harmon delivered an invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The December 2017 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Ken Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Gail Bullard seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed to approve the December minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The December 2017 financial reports were circulated and there were no items of note.

UNDERSTANDING OF INLAND PORT BENEFITS – Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn report:

- A PowerPoint presentation explained that if you pick your container up at the Inland Port you have to pay the rail freight from the Charleston port to Dillon. The rail runs from Charleston 5 times a week.
- The port benefits companies importing a large amount of material and/or are located close enough to the port that transporting the material from the port is not a factor

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 in the hopes of acquiring grants

- A joint effort of all local communities would be the best method of obtaining funding and making a significant impact

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Addressed the makeup and structure of MCEDP committees providing recommendations for who should be involved (*Attached*)
- Recommended reactivation of the Workforce & Education committee – Dr. Kyle Wagner, Mark Bunch, Ron Munnerlyn, Luke Johnakin, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Andy Rogers, Industry HR, and the Superintendent or designee
- Recommended setting up a Strategic Initiatives committee – Dr. Carolyn Prince and Randall Malichi along with MCEDP board member volunteers forthcoming
- Ken Harmon moved and it was seconded that the Workforce & Education committee and Strategic Initiatives committee be established. The Board unanimously approved establishing the MCEDP committees.
- Director Munnerlyn addressed key strategic initiatives (*Attached*)
- Not much prospect activity in the past month and this is normal for a year end

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Malichi 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.

6-28-18
Date



Frankie Frazier, Secretary

Mission Statement

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