

Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership (MCEDP)
Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 20th, 2018 – 8:00 am

Minutes				
PRESENT				
Members	From	Ex-Officio	From	Others
Joan Johnakin	District 5	Dr. Carolyn Prince	County Council Chair	Ron Munnerlyn
Lorenza McRae	District 8	Stuart Ames	Duke Energy Progress	Brandinika Ritter
Randall Malichi – Chairman	City of Bennettsville	Bobby Brock	Mayor of Blenheim Marlboro Water	Dr. Mark Bunch
Andy Rogers – Vice Chairman	Industrial Appointee	Dr. Kyle Wagner	President of NETC	
Luke Johnakin	District 2	Dr. Rippon McLeod	Deputy Superintendent of Marlboro County School District	
Fred Thomas	City of Bennettsville			

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
Vacant	District 4	Joe Kinney	Mayor of Clio
Keith Cheek	District 7	Heath Harpe	Mayor of Bennettsville
LC English	District 1		
Gail Bullard	District 6		

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Randall Malichi called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

INVOCATION – Chairman Randall Malichi delivered an invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The January 2018 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Andy Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and the motion was seconded. The Board unanimously agreed to approve the January minutes.

Chairman Malichi noted the MCEDP Board had lost a staunch member, Ken Harmon. He called for a moment of silence.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – Deputy Superintendent Dr. Rippin McLeod spoke on behalf of Dr. John Lane who was unable to attend due to a conference. He noted that the school district had a presentation prepared but asked that it be placed on hold until the new superintendent was fully in place effective July 25th.

INDUSTRY APPRECIATION DAY – Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn explained a new format planned for the event to occur on September 13th.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership – Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn explained that the membership drive is about to begin.

Welding Booth Expenditure Approval – Executive Director Munnerlyn asked the Board to approve an expenditure of \$6,109.68 for the equipment. Luke Johnakin made a motion to spend \$6,109.68 for the welding booth. The motion was seconded and the Board unanimously approved the equipment purchase.

Approval of 2018-19 Budget – Executive Director Munnerlyn explained proposed budget changes for the upcoming year. Andy Rogers made a motion to approve the proposed budget and the motion was seconded. The Board unanimously agreed to approve the 2018-2019 budget.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The January through May 2018 financial reports were circulated and there were no items of note.

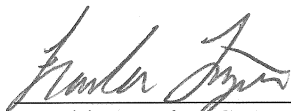
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Outlined NETC tour
- Noted the final approval of two incentive packages for industrial expansion showing that the County industries are growing and competitive
- Andy Rogers explained the Palmetto Brick expansion project.
- Arauco is doing a warehouse expansion
- Unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in forty years
- The County has title to the Delta Mills site and there is a redevelopment plan in motion. The building is in really good shape to be used as a speculative building. Outlined infrastructure present.
- Council passed the County budget with a focus on not increasing taxes
- Voted to put on the ballot in the general election to be able to sell alcohol on Sundays since the County has been losing tax revenue
- One prospect has serious interest in the Boro site

ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Malichi made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned for reconvening at the Former Winn Dixie.

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

1-3-2018
Date



Frankie Frazier, Secretary

Mission Statement

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