

Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership (MCEDP)
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 21st, 2017 - 8:00 am

Minutes				
PRESENT				
Members	From	Ex-Officio	From	Others
Frankie Frazier-Secretary/Treasurer	District 3	Jason Steen	Chairman of County Council	Ron Munnerlyn
Fred Thomas	City of Bennettsville	Joe Kinney	Mayor of Clio	Brandinika Ritter
LC English	District 1	Bobby Brock	Mayor of Blenheim Marlboro Water	Dan McNiel
Andy Rogers	Industrial Appointee	Stuart Ames	Duke Energy Progress	
Keith Cheek	District 7			
Randall Malichi-Chairman	City of Bennettsville			
Joan Johnakin	District 5			
Lorenza McRae	District 8			

ABSENT			
Members	From	Ex-Officio	From
Ken Harmon	District 4	James Quick	Wallace Water
<i>Vacant</i>	District 6	Heath Harpe	Mayor of Bennettsville
Bill Jennings	Industrial Appointee	William Fleming	Marlboro Electric Coop
Luke Johnakin	District 2	Dr. Helena Tillar	Superintendent of Marlboro County School District
		Dr. Kyle Wagner	President of NETC

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Randall Malichi called the meeting to order at 8:07 am with a welcome. Fred Thomas blessed the food.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The November 2016, December 2016, March 2017, and May 2017 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Ron Munnerlyn noted there will no longer be a buildup of minutes as they will be reviewed and approved monthly in the future. Bobby Brock made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and LC English seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed to approve the November, December, March, and May minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ron Munnerlyn reviewed the May 2017 financial reports with the Board. Bobby Brock asked when membership drive would begin and Mr. Munnerlyn said next month. Mr. Munnerlyn discussed the membership and sponsorship drives. He noted that he had reviewed a list of members and people that come to our events. Many are taking advantage of the Partnership events that are not paying members. He stated Board members should also pay dues as it looks good that they are members as well. Now is not the time for recruiting new members, but Mr. Munnerlyn may consider doing this in the Fall.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Munnerlyn reviewed and requested an *Approval of 2017-18 Budget*. Andy Rogers made a motion to approve the proposed budget and Frankie Frazier seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed to approve the 2017-2018 budget.

Mr. Munnerlyn discussed the need for new *Check Endorsers for Training Center Account*. Brandi Ritter recommended that the members of the Executive Committee be assigned to this account. LC English made a motion to make Frankie Frazier, Randall Malichi, and Andy Rogers check endorsers for the Carolina Bank Training Center account. Fred Thomas seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed in approval.

Mr. Munnerlyn noted the County owns a short line railroad that was purchased from CSX in the 1980s. It still serves several industries in the area. He is interested in promoting this method of transportation to increase the number of industries that use the railroad. A passenger car has been rented for use on July 27th for a *Rail Tour* that will involve several different rides. Mr. Munnerlyn detailed the timing and the route for the train noting that it holds about 30 passengers. Lunch will be provided at Domtar as they are allowing a bus tour of the facility on the same day. The ultimate goal of the rail tour is to promote what the County has to offer.

Mr. Munnerlyn stated he has reviewed how Industry Appreciation Day has occurred in the past few years. He feels the event met with the most success when it was offering dove hunt and golf then ending with a casual BBQ networking event at Billy Hinson's field. Mr. Hinson is comfortable with doing it. Dove hunt likely has had less participation in recent years because there were too many options. The Board needs to establish a small committee. Mr. Munnerlyn asked if a representative from the paper could participate. The date was proposed at Thursday, September 14th. Bobby Brock said he really likes the idea of going back to what was done originally. Andy Rogers said he would be on the committee. Mr. Munnerlyn suggested possible committee members. Bobby Brock made the motion that the committee would consist of Fred Thomas, Andy Rogers, Brandi Ritter, Steve Akers, Billy Hinson, and Dan McNiel's delegate. Frankie Frazier seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed to approve members of the Industry Appreciation Day Committee.

Mr. Munnerlyn discussed the *Transfer of Edge Funds to NETC Foundation*. He said he would ensure that CW Love was in support of this transfer. Brandi Ritter explained the current process of how Edge Funds are being utilized.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Munnerlyn discussed the County budget in detail and how he implemented a process by which he was able to secure more funding. A work crew supervisor and vehicle are included in the new budget. He noted 34% of employee salaries are too low so the County is now going to be able to pay fair and ethical wages. County Council approved an amount to bring everyone up to minimum or a cost of living increase to occur in September 2017. The Harbor Freight expansion revenue will benefit the County well in the next three years. It is a 2 million square foot facility and an additional 2 million square feet is being added to it. There is also 250 acres left that could be developed. Mr. Munnerlyn reported that there had been three prospect inquiries since the last meeting. A prospect site visit will occur for Baldor Clio on June 22nd with NESAs. The building is very nice and measures right at 125,000 square feet. The Boro property has been cleaned up. One of the County industries will be leasing approximately 50,000 square feet of Boro in the near future.

The past committee structure has been reviewed and Mr. Munnerlyn feels it is important to get an Image committee started. A solid waste fee will be assessed one time a year in order to clean up the County. Bobby Brock said he wished there was a legal way to get rid of unlivable homes. Frankie Frazier mentioned a need to do something with all of the tires laying around the County. Mr. Munnerlyn suggested an amnesty period where everyone brings their tires in or taking things for free at a convenience center. He also stated the County will use binoculars for sting operations to stop people from trashing the County. Jason Steen mentioned that handling these types of situations would fall under the new Work Crew Supervisor's job description. Mr. Munnerlyn said he wants a committee that tries to figure out how to resolve situations with current resources and he proposed possible committee members. This committee would meet once a quarter to discuss problems or the cleanup of certain roads in the County and he proposed establishing a Keep Marlboro Green campaign. Mr. Steen suggested the committee should have one Partnership member and Frankie Frazier volunteered. Andy Rogers made the motion that the Image committee would consist of the Mayors, Chairman of County

Council, DOT Resident Engineer, City/County Administrators, and one Partnership Member (*Frankie Frazier*). Bobby Brock seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed to approve members of the Image Committee.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – LC English made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Frankie Frazier seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 am.

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

8-22-17
Date



Frankie Frazier, Secretary

Mission Statement

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