

Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership (MCEDP)
 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.

Minutes

PRESENT

Members	From	Ex-Officio	From	Others
Joan Johnakin	District 5	Dr. Gregory McCord	Superintendent of Marlboro County School District	Ron Munnerlyn
Marlon Prince	District 4	Bobby Brock	Mayor of Blenheim Marlboro Water	Brandinika Ritter
Randall Malichi – Chairman	City of Bennettsville			Mark Bunch
Andy Rogers – Vice Chairman	Industrial Appointee			
Luke Johnakin	District 2			
Lorenza McRae	District 8			
Keith Cheek	District 7			
LC English	District 1			
Gail Bullard	District 6			
Fred Thomas	City of Bennettsville			

ABSENT

Members	From	Ex-Officio	From
Bill Jennings	Industrial Appointee	Dr. Kyle Wagner	President of NETC
Frankie Frazier – Secretary/Treasurer	District 3	William Fleming	Marlboro Electric Coop
		Dr. Carolyn Prince	County Council Chair
		Heath Harpe	Mayor of Bennettsville
		Joe Kinney	Mayor of Clio
		Jeremy Steen	Wallace Water
		Stuart Ames	Duke Energy Progress

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Randall Malichi called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

INVOCATION – Chairman Randall Malichi delivered an invocation.

NETC VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER UPDATE – Dr. Brunch report:

- Open and operational everyday with full-time personnel on site
- The first classes are starting soon
- Tours of the facility are available
- Ribbon cutting is being planned for February 2019
- The first graduating class of ManuFirst will coincide with the ribbon cutting
- Luke Johnakin expressed some concerns
- Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn addressed concerns of industries that had donated to the training center

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The December 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 December minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The November 2018 financial reports were circulated and there were no items of note. The training center account balance as of December 31st was also reported.

OLD BUSINESS

- Audit – Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn noted the need for a financial audit and he is still working on securing quotes
- Workforce Transportation Initiative Advisory Committee – Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn addressed the makeup of the committee (*Attached*). He reported that the PDRTA bus system is now in operation. Marlon Prince volunteered to serve on the committee. Andy Rogers made a motion to accept the proposed members of the committee and the Board unanimously agreed to approve the establishment of the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2019 Events/Programs – What MCEDP programs could add value for member/member companies or organizations? – Executive Director Ron Munnerlyn asked the Board about hosting a second train ride and an industry after hours event. Mr. Munnerlyn reminded the Board that the Workforce & Education committee had been reactivated and he addressed the possibility of reactivating the Industrial Council.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

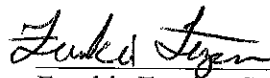
- Baldor project has been finalized and the new company will employ 130 people. Mr. Munnerlyn explained what the company will be manufacturing.
- Delta Mills site environmental assessment work plan will be completed by the end of January. A consultant was hired to assist in cleaning up the plant. Two prospects are already interested in the site because it has wastewater treatment and water plants.
- County-wide cleanup day will have the same format. Collaborating efforts with the City, Towns, and County
- County took action to form an EMS department, because the EMS task force offered up a new contract to Marlboro Rescue that did not go into effect. The County is advertising for an EMS department director and purchasing top of the line EMS equipment. The County is also working to get the state law changed so that North Carolina hospitals can set up mini hospitals in South Carolina.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Dr. Bunch announced NETC will be having a series of business advisory meetings and the first meeting will be a discussion with industries of like hiring needs. He extended an invitation to the MCEDP Board to attend the first advisory meeting on January 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT – Gail Bullard 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.

4-18-2019
Date


Frankie Frazier, Secretary

Mission Statement

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