## Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership (MCEDP) Monthly Board Meeting Minutes Monday, October 16th, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Minutes PRESENT					
Frankie Frazier- Secretary/Treasurer	District 3	Jason Steen	Chairman of County Council	Ron Munnerlyn	
Joan Johnakin	District 5	Joe Kinney	Mayor of Clio	Brandinika Ritter	
Lorenza McRae	District 8	Dr. Kyle Wagner	President of NETC		
Randall Malichi- Chairman	City of Bennettsville	Stuart Ames	Duke Energy Progress		

ABSENT				
Members	From	Ex-Officio	From	
LC English	District 1	Vacant	Wallace Water	
Vacant	District 6	Heath Harpe	Mayor of Bennettsville	
Bill Jennings	Industrial Appointee	William Fleming	Marlboro Electric Coop	
Andy Rogers- Vice Chairman	Industrial Appointee	Dr. John Lane	Superintendent of Marlboro County School District	
Keith Cheek	District 7	Bobby Brock	Mayor of Blenheim Marlboro Water	
Luke Johnakin	District 2			
Ken Harmon	District 4			
Fred Thomas	City of Bennettsville			

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Randall Malichi called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

**INVOCATION** – Chairman Randall Malichi

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> – The August 2017 minutes were reviewed by the Board and no one had any questions. Dr. Wagner proposed a change from 50K to 61K as it pertains to CW Love Foundation financial support. Approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting with quorum.

<u>VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER UPDATE</u> – Dr. Wagner reported that the final meeting for the Governor's approval is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> with a closing date scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>. Goal is for construction to begin Jan 1<sup>st</sup> with a 160 day construction plan for the first phase. Negotiation with DMV and area legislature is underway so that CDL training can be offered by the center.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> – Ron Munnerlyn discussed *Industry Appreciation Day Debrief* and noted that a smaller more focused group was in attendance. Guests appeared to find the casual atmosphere favorable and Mr. Munnerlyn proposed the possibility of have having the dinner at the country club in the future.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u> – Mr. Munnerlyn discussed the *Holiday Drop In* and whether a board meeting should occur before year-end. He also asked for input regarding the frequency of board meetings.

Mr. Munnerlyn addressed Membership Renewal Update and reported that all is going well.

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<u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u> – Mr. Munnerlyn reported on five new inquiries. County Council has begun strategic planning and Councilman Steen provided the details. The Board discussed the state of the County and addressed some quality of life issues in the community. Mr. Munnerlyn provided a presentation outlining the demographics for the County in the last 25 years and the effect it has on the quality of life.

<u>INDIVIDUAL REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> – ReadySC has a new regional representative and he is located in Camden, SC.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Stuart Ames made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned.

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

12-19-2017

Date

Frankie Frazier, Secretary

Mission Statement

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