

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF CLARK COUNTY
September 16th, 2008
MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: EUODIAS GOZA, CONNER ELDRIDGE,
RANDY SORRELLS, FRANCES NELSON

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: DAMON DANIELS, ROSBORO
HENDRIX, RICKY NORTON,
JOYCE PALLA, LEWIS
SHEPHERD, BILL WRIGHT,
KELLI LANCASTER, JIMMY
BOLT, TOMMY ROEBUCK,
JOHNNIE ROEBUCK, BILLY
TARPLEY, SHERRY KELLY,
CLOYS RUNYAN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: PHIL BALDWIN (United Way
board meeting), BILLY BUNN (LA trip),
BECKY JESTER (Dawson conf), TOM
CALHOUN (business trip), RANDY
TURNER (school board), JUDGE
DANIELL, WENDELL KETCHUM (ill),
SEN. MALONE, REP. STEWART, STEVE
ORSBURN,

OTHERS PRESENT: PAUL HARVEL, BARBARA
HARVEL, SHAWNIE CARRIER,
TODD TURNER

Meeting called to order at 5:38 by EDCCC Chairman Euodias Goza.

Motion by Randy Sorrells/second by Frances Nelson to accept the July 29th minutes as e-mailed. Motion approved.

Chairman Goza asked for **Financial Report**. **Conner Eldridge presented the report**. Chairman Goza made remarks concerning the recent legislative meeting held in Arkadelphia. He thanked those who arranged the meeting and attended.

Chairman Goza then introduced Paul Harvel who presided over the remaining agenda items.

Mr. Harvel discussed “**ARKANSASWORKS2008**” the Governor’s Summit on Education and Economic Development to be held October 15th & 16th at the Arkansas Statehouse Convention Center & the Peabody Little Rock. Mr. Harvel encouraged all

who could to participate. On the 16th, Mr. Harvel would like to see as many people from Clark County as possible there. Tickets are \$100.00 each. Mr. Harvel said he would purchase 5 tickets and we would have a task force organized to get more sponsorship for this event.

Shawnie Carrier reported on agenda item **Leadership Arkansas/Leadership Clark County**. Leadership Arkansas class #3 began Sunday, September 14th, 2008. Jimmy Bolt is a member of the class. Leadership Clark County will be chaired by Billy Tarpley. The cost will be \$250.00 per person. It will start October 23rd 2008, and end June 2009. The tentative schedule looks like the following:

- **Thursday/October 23** **Kick Off Retreat**
 - Interpersonal Skills Test-Tabee Kayler**
 - Ropes Course**
 - Get Acquainted Dinner**
- **November** **Clark County History/Effective Leadership**
- **December** **Education & Economic Development**
 - Industry Tours**
- **January** **Transportation & Healthcare**
- **February** **State Government, Congressional reception**
 - Little Rock Trip**
- **March** **Agriculture & Wood Products History**
- **April** **Congressional Insight, City & County Government**
- **May** **Tourism & Regional Cooperation**
- **June** **Graduation**

Mr. Harvel told the group to mark their calendars for **February 4th** (Wednesday night). There will be a **2009 legislative reception** held in Little Rock. He encouraged as many people from Clark County as possible to attend this event.

Mr. Harvel shared a letter with the members that he received from **Steve Forbes**. He and his wife Barbara will travel to New York to be special guests of the Forbes Family for a weekend.

Shawnie gave an update on the **Diamond Lakes Visitor's Center-Clark County Business and Information Center** to be located in the old Elk Horn Bank (Caddo Valley) branch. The building has been donated for that purpose. She said that we want to have a top of the line visitor's center. She had made some site visits to other centers.

Dr. Kluck gave update on our **website**. It is now up and running.

Mr. Harvel gave an update on the **site and building inventory**. He said we need more prospective sites. Shawnie gave update on a prospective site. She also updated the group on some prospective companies but encouraged everyone to keep such info confidential

because we don't want anyone to change their mind. Dr. Kluck gave an update on our proposal that was submitted for another project. We made the final 17 but did not make the final 5. The group needed more land than we actually had. Arkansas may still be the home for this new company.

The last item on the evening's agenda was **Economic Development Consultants**. Mr. Harvel said he would probably have a proposal at our next meeting to recommend Dell Boyett as our consultant.

Mr. Harvel did reference a map of the state of Arkansas in showing us the southern part of the state that included Clark County and that no growth was taking place. He showed those areas of the state that are growing.

Motion made by Randy Sorrells/second by Nelson to adjourn meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.