

**Economic Development Corporation of Clark County
December 9th 2008 Meeting
Minutes**

Members Present: Euodias Goza, Frances Nelson, Becky Jester, Conner Eldridge

Absent: Randy Sorrells- board mtg

Advisory Board: Phil Baldwin, Billy Bunn, Damon Daniels, Sherry Kelley, Wesley Kluck, Ricky Norton, Tommy Roebuck, Lewis Shepherd, Billy Tarpley, Randy Turner, Bill Wright, Kelli Lancaster, Steve Orsburn, Cloys Runyan, Paul Harvel

Absent: Senator Malone, Rep. Stewart, Rep. Roebuck, Rosboro Hendrix, Tom Calhoun-CCConservation mtg., Wendell Ketchum, Judge Daniell

Others present: Joe Phelps, Art Tippin, Mrs. Bright, Todd Turner, Jimmy Bolt, Barbara Harvel, Shawnie Carrier

EDCCC Chairman Euodias Goza called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Motion By Becky Jester with second by Frances Nelson to accept minutes as e-mailed. Motion was unanimously accepted.

Randy Turner presented the financial report. Motion by Frances Nelson with second by Becky Jester to accept financial report as presented. Motion was unanimously accepted.

Phil Baldwin presented the EDCCC budget for 2009. Motion by Conner Eldridge with second by Becky Jester to accept the proposed 2009 budget. Motion was unanimously accepted.

President's report was presented by Paul Harvel. It included an economic overview, report on prospects, priorities, existing industries, and funding recommendations. He told the group that the country's economic slowdown will

impact Clark County. He said that existing industry is “the most important” aspect of economic development. “Our top priority is the needs of the people we already have.”

Under existing industries, Mr. Harvel recommended the EDCCC provide Georgia Pacific with \$87,534.00 for training funds at the Gurdon plant. The funds would train GP employees in hydraulics, safety, environment and marketing-based management. Funds would come from left over funds in the 2008 budget. With motion by Conner Eldridge and second by Becky Jester to approve funding. Motion was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Harvel recommended the EDCCC hire a consultant by the name of Del Boyette. Mr. Boyette is an economic developer with the Boyette Levy firm. Mr. Harvel recommended the EDCCC enter into a two-year contract with Mr. Boyette. The cost to the EDCCC would be \$78,750.00 for 2 years. The funds would come from left over funds in the 2008 budget.

Motion by Conner Eldridge with second by Frances Nelson to hire Boyette as consultant. Motion was unanimously accepted.

Motion by Becky Jester with second by Frances Nelson to adjourn. Motion was unanimously accepted.