

**Minutes
Special Meeting of the
Economic Development Corporation of Clark County
September 1, 2009
5:30 p.m., Dawson Cooperative Center**

Voting Members Present: Conner Eldridge, Frances Nelson, Becky Jester, Bill Wright, Joyce Palla, Lewis Shepherd, Phil Baldwin, Sherry Kelley, Wendal Ketchum, Ricky Norton, Neeka Richardson

Voting Members Absent: Euodias Goza, Damon Daniels, Billy Tarpley, Jerry Walker

Advisory Members Present: Cloys Runyan, Randy Stewart

Advisory Members Absent: Percy Malone, Johnnie Roebuck, Steven Orsburn, Ron Daniell, Kelli Lancaster

Others Present: Shawnie Carrier, Leslie Bright, Joe Phelps

Proceedings:

Conner Eldridge called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Conner Eldridge noted the first topic on the agenda, Existing Industry Funding Request from Danfoss Scroll. Shawnie Carrier reported the request for training in the total amount of \$14,900.00 for two training sessions so that Danfoss Scroll can determine if it needs internal employees to help with training for AMS certification. Phil Baldwin inquired if this was the company's first request for funds from the EDCCC and if they could come back later to request more funds, and Shawnie Carrier answered "yes" to both questions.

Becky Jester moved to approve the request, Frances Nelson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Conner Eldridge noted the second agenda topic, Funding Request for Rail Option at the Industrial Park. Shawnie Carrier requested up to \$10,000.00 for a "10% Drawing" to be done and submitted to Union Pacific to review and approve. A current prospect requires rail improvements at the park, and such a drawing is required in the event that a trans-loading facility is pursued at the Industrial Park. Phil Baldwin asked if the study would be useful even if the prospect does not come, and Shawnie Carrier answered yes, that other prospects and current industries such as Drumco could use the facility. Bill Wright noted that the prospect and the state may help with the cost. Becky Jester asked if industries would be charged to use the facility, and Shawnie Carrier answered no, but that that is a possibility if warehousing was added at a later time.

In related news, Randy Stewart reported that Pike County is considering formation of an economic development entity and a Regional Mobility Authority to include Clark County, and he said he will ask Cliff McKinney with the Highway Department to speak at the EDCCC's September 22 meeting regarding this project.

Phil Baldwin moved to approve the request, Joyce Palla seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Conner Eldridge reported that Approval of Incentive Policy is the third item on the agenda.

Joyce Palla moved to approve the policy, Neeka Richardson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Shawnie Carrier noted that Petit Jean Poultry increased from seven to eight lines, adding about 30-35 employees, and that additional employees could be added at a later date.

Shawnie Carrier also requested approval of the amended EDCCC by-laws.

Bill Wright moved to approve, Lewis Shepherd seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. with a motion by Bill Wright and second by Lewis Shepherd.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Bright