

Board Meeting Minutes
Economic Development Corporation of Clark County
September 22, 2009
5:30 p.m., Dawson Cooperative Center

Voting Members Present: Euodias Goza, Frances Nelson, Becky Jester, Conner Eldridge, Bill Wright, Wendal Ketchum, Lewis Shepherd, Neeka Richardson, Phil Baldwin, Damon Daniels, Jerry Walker, Joyce Palla

Advisory Members Present: Cloys Runyan

Voting Members Absent: Sherry Kelly, Ricky Norton, Billy Tarpley

Advisory Members Absent: Kelli Lancaster, Ron Daniell, Steve Orsburn, Percy Malone, Johnnie Roebuck, Randy Stewart

Others Present: Shawnie Carrier, Leslie Bright, Connie Nelson, Todd Turner, Dan Marsh, Pat Malone. Cliff McKinney, Arkansas Highway Department, and several members from Pike County were also present.

Proceedings:

Chairman Euodias Goza called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Cliff McKinney, an official with the Arkansas Highway Commission, spoke about the possibility of Clark County forming an intermodal authority with Pike and Montgomery Counties.

Pike County representatives (Byron Hendrix, John Benjamin, Grady Beene, and Bo Lee) expressed a desire to form the intermodal authority on behalf of their county.

Chairman Euodias Goza asked Shawnie Carrier to work with the Government Affairs Committee and Pike County representatives to examine how to proceed with this idea.

July's minutes were approved with motion by Damon Daniels, second by Jerry Walker, and unanimous passage.

Lewis Shepherd presented the financial report. Pat Malone with Malone & Banks reported on the audit of the EDCCC. The audit was approved with motion by Bill Wright, second by Frances Nelson, and unanimous passage.

Phil Baldwin reported on the Annual Budget for 2010 to be given to the Quorum Court. Damon Daniels moved to accept the budget, Jerry Walker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Lewis Shepherd reported that EDCCC checks require two signatures, and additional persons should be authorized to sign checks. This change was necessary due to changes in staff and Board Members. Bill Wright moved to accept Euodias Goza, Conner Eldridge, Frances Nelson, Lewis Shepherd, Randy Turner, and Shawnie Carrier as authorized persons to sign EDCCC checks, Neeka Richardson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Euodias Goza reported on the EDCCC's contract with the Alliance, suggesting the EDCCC give a percentage, not a set dollar amount, to the Alliance under the contract. Phil Baldwin moved to amend the contract with the Alliance to eliminate the dollar amount and replace it with 30%. Frances Nelson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Euodias Goza asked each board member to sign up for a committee under which to serve: Budget & Finance, Public Relations & Marketing, Government Affairs, Site Planning & Selection, Public Service, Industrial Training, and Hospitality.

Shawnie Carrier presented the Executive Director's Report. Shawnie Carrier presented a Business Retention and Expansion proposal. The proposal was submitted by HSU SBTDC's Lonnie Jackson to work as a representative of the EDCCC by performing the BR&E duties necessary for the program to be a success. This proposal would be considered contract labor for the EDCCC at a rate of \$12,500 for the year starting January, 2010. This contract will be for one year and will be reviewed at the end of the year. Conner Eldridge moved to approve the proposal, Damon Daniels seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Shawnie Carrier discussed the need for an elevation study to be done on a piece of property due to its flood plain status. She informed the board of the \$2500 cost to order a Topography map for the 150 acres. Phil Baldwin moved to approve the study and cost of the map, Jerry Walker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Shawnie Carrier reported on land acquisition. The site prep committee and Ms. Carrier have been working with a prospect that needs to acquire acreage outside of the industrial park. Once a price has been set she will call a meeting and discuss moving forward with an option to purchase agreement. Carrier also discussed a small 6-8 acre tract within the industrial park that could be for sale at \$2,500 per acre. This would allow us to have control of this property and market it within the industrial park. Motion was made by Damon Daniels to purchase the property, Wendal Ketchum seconded, and passage was unanimous.

Shawnie Carrier reported on prospect updates, conferences and education, and the new location of the Alliance office at 2401 Pine Street, Suite B, in Arkadelphia. She reminded the board of the State Chamber Door to Door event on September 28 at 11:30 at the Garrison Center.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with a motion by Conner Eldridge and second by Frances Nelson.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Nelson