

Hardee County Economic Development Council/Industrial Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2013
Hardee County BOCC

Jim See- IDA Chairman/EDC Vice Chairman-A	Rick Justice-P	Donald Samuels-P
Vanessa Hernandez- EDC Chairwoman/Vice Chairwoman-P		John O'Neal-P
Dottie Conerly-A	Michael Prescott-P	Lory Durrance-P
Russell Melendy-P	Gene Davis-P	Diana Youmans-P
Doug Jensen-A	Horst Witschonke-P	

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

Russ Melendy opened the meeting in prayer.

Visiting: Benny Albritton, Travis Bond, Robert Cole, Consheryl Adams, Frank Kirkland, Lavon Cobb, Charlie Cox, Michael Flowers, Kevin Denny, Brian Samuels, Jessica Newman, Bo See, Bryan Pelham and Ernie Ziglar

County Manager: Lex Albritton

County Attorney: Ken Evers

County Commissioners: Mike Thompson, Grady Johnson, Sue Birge, Colon Lambert and Rick Knight

Press: Michael Kelly

Staff: Bill Lambert, Sarah Pelham, Kristi Schierling, Krystin Chapman and Casey Dickson (Chamber of Commerce Executive)

Agenda: There is one addition to the agenda. It will be added in after the Draft Budget presentation. Russ Melendy made a motion and was seconded by Mike Prescott to accept the agenda with the add on. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Russ Melendy made a motion and was seconded by Mike Prescott to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Amendments FY 2012-2013

Sarah Pelham came before the Board for approval of three budget amendments. The first amendment is for the Commerce Park Retention pond and culvert. She is requesting the Board to amend the General Fund budget for \$256,000.

Mike Prescott made a motion and was seconded by Diana Youmans to approve the budget amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

The second amendment is for funding Continuum Labs the remainder of their request from October 2012. They had requested \$3.6 million and Director Lambert recommended to the Board to hold back the \$600k.

Horst Witschonke made a motion and was seconded by Lory Durrance to table this vote until after Travis Bond makes his monthly presentation. Motion passed unanimously.

After Travis Bond's presentation, the budget amendment was brought back up.

Rick Justice made a motion and was seconded by Mike Prescott to amend the Mosaic Fund for Continuum Labs funding of \$600k. Donald Samuels and Horst Witschonke voted no. Motion passed.

The last amendment brought before the Board was in regards to PFM. The Board had previously approved \$650k to supplement the EDA grant of \$1MM. Today's discussion is to appropriate which fund the money is coming from.

John O'Neal made a motion and was seconded by Lory Durrance to approve the amendment to be shown in the Mosaic Fund budget. Horst Witschonke voted No. Motion passed.

Draft FY 2013-2014 IDA Budget

Charlie Cox, accountant at Wicks, Brown, Williams and Co, and Sarah Pelham presented the DRAFT FY 2013-2014 budget to the Board. Both went through each column with the Board. Sarah Pelham let the Board know that there was money left over from the PRECO building renovation and would like to use that carry forward for the Tech River overhead costs. It was the consensus of the Board to create a line item for this. Also discussed was having \$1MM be appropriated out of the Mosaic Fund for Florikan. The final budget adoption will be done at next month's meeting.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

We have been partnering with the SBDC. They help start up and small businesses with business plans and provide resources for them. South Florida State College has asked the EDC if we could help fund the SBDC in the amount of \$3252.

Donald Samuels made a motion and was seconded by Diana Youmans to approve the funding. Motion passed unanimously.

Southern Tract Retention Pond

Director Lambert is seeking approval for the Task Order for the Southern Tract Retention Pond. This was put out for bid and Director Lambert doesn't think that it will cost as much as the task order. The top layer of dirt will go to the landfill for cover.

Lory Durrance made a motion and was seconded by Mike Prescott to approve the task order for the Southern Tract Retention Pond. Motion passed unanimously.

CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) Engagement Letter

Director Lambert and staff had a pre audit meeting with CLA for the audit for FYE 9/30/13. Now that we are a component unit of the County, they will be doing our audit along with the County's.

Russ Melendy made a motion and was seconded by Diana Youmans to approve the engagement with CLA for FYE 9/30/13. Donald Samuels and Horst Witschonke voted No. Motion passed.

Continuum Labs update

As per contract, Travis Bond gave his monthly update to the Board. Mr. Bond showed the web application as well as the mobile application. He went through some of the features of both and what they can do. Tech River now has 13 employees. Mr. Bond also advised the Board that he has met with some Venture Capitalist. He is under Non-Disclosure Agreements with them.

EDA Grant updates

Our office filed 3 EDA grants; EDC funding for \$150k, Florikan (spec building) \$2MM and Corridor Project \$500k.

Financial Report

Sarah Pelham reviewed the financials for the EDC and the IDA with the Board.

Horst Witschonke made a motion and was seconded by Russ Melendy to accept both sets of financials. Motion passed unanimously.

Lory Durrance made a motion and Rick Justice seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.