

**Board Minutes of the
Martin County EDA
March 4, 2019
(No Quorum)**

The regular meeting of the Martin County Economic Development Authority was called to order by Brent Schultze at 5:15pm. Those present were: Elliot Belgard and Richard Koons. Absent: Steve Fosness, Larry Baarts, Wes Anderson, and Tim Terfehr. Also present were Scott Higgins, Bryan Stading, RCEF, Ned Koppen, President, Fairmont Chamber of Commerce and Mike Murphy, Lakes 106.6 FM.

It was determined that there was no quorum.

Koppen introduced himself to the Board. Presented request for continued sponsorship of the Area Career Exploration (ACE) event, stating that the EDA board has supported and provided a sponsorship of \$1,500 for the ACE Event. It will be held at the Fairmont High School on April 10, 2019. No action taken.

Murphy presented a renewal proposal for the EDA radio programming. Murphy stated that the shop local ad campaign is programmed to run on both stations during the noon news for 52 weeks for the amount of \$2,496. Murphy reviewed the renewal of the EDA Business talk show to run on both stations for a total cost of \$3,640. Both programs total \$6136. No action taken.

Stading reviewed proposed legislation for continued funding for entrepreneurial business facilitation services, stating that Representative Gunther has authored a bill in the amount of \$150,000 for RCEF and a host entity for continuing business consultation services. Stading stated that the grant would need to be matched dollar for dollar and a need for a host, which could be the Martin County EDA.

Belgard stated we would need to take a look at it now, if the EDA is to serve as a host to the program.

Koons inquired if the EDA has a say if we were to be the host vs another entity.

Stading responded that you do.

After further discussion, no action was taken.

Stading reviewed the monthly client report for March, which included 10 sessions for a total of 22.75 hours.

Higgins reviewed the bills for approval and ratification for February 5, 2019-March 4, 2019 in the amount of \$4845.69. No action taken and will be considered for ratification at the next board meeting.

The Board reviewed the February 2019 Year to date financial reports, with a listed EDA fund balance of \$283439.81.

Higgins reviewed the information included in the board packets including the SMIF Community Sprout Events Thank you letter, stating the EDA is a sponsor of the event; and Sherburn Civic Commerce membership letter.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2019 at 5:15pm at the Courthouse.