Board Meeting Minutes of the Martin County EDA
June 1, 2026

The regular meeting of the Martin County Economic Development Authority was called to order by Vice President Tim Terfehr at 5:15pm. Those present were: Richard Koons, Billeye Rabbe, James Kloeckner, Tim Terfehr. Also present were Danielle Hayter-Johnson, Amber Patten, Scott Higgins, Dave Schmidt, Kandi Menne, and Fairmont Sentinel.

Agenda
Motion by Koons, and seconded by Rabbe to approve the agenda was approved with the addition of 5.3 CVN Agreement.
Carried unanimously

Minutes
Motion by Rabbe, and seconded by Kloeckner to approve the minutes from April 6, 2026 as presented.
Carried unanimously

Old Business
Recap of ACE event
Kandi Menne from the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce presented to the Board a recap of the Area Career Exploration (ACE) event. This year's event took place on May 6, 2026. Nine area schools attended this year's event. Board member Rabbe also attended the event and mentioned the event was very successful.

New Business
Introduction of new EDA staff
Amber Patten introduced new EDA staff member Danielle Hayer-Johnson. Danielle mentioned her background and that she will be in Martin County two days a week. Also in attendance was new EDA Board member Ean Sinn. Ean will be taking over for Wes Anderson.

Federal EDA Grant Update/Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Opportunity
Amber Patten updated the Board regarding the Federal EDA Disaster Supplemental funding. MCEDA was not awarded funding through this grant. EDA staff had a debrief call with Region 9, they suggested that MCEDA consider "flipping" the Disaster NOFO application into a nearly identical Economic Adjustment Assistance application through the Federal Economic Development Administration's Chicago Regional Office. The revised application would be structured as a county-led economic development initiative serving all cities within Martin County. The program would request approximately $320,000 in federal EDA funding to support economic development services countywide over a two-year period. The goal of the program would be to provide coordinated, high-quality economic development support to each community at no direct financial cost to participating cities. Rather than requiring a cash contribution, the grant could use local in-kind staff time as the match. Region 9 suggested that the nine cities could contribute staff time through coordinated participation. Discussion ensued. Motion by Koons, and seconded by Rabbe to reach out and present to each community and ask if they would like to participate.
Carried unanimously

CVN Agreement
Patten received an updated Community Venture Network (CVN) membership agreement.
Patten went over the benefits of CVN. Discussion ensued.
Motion by Rabbe, and seconded by Kloeckner to approve CVN membership.
Carried unanimously

EDA Activity Report
Patten reviewed the April and May EDA Monthly Activity Report.
No Board action was taken.

Approval of Bills
Reviewed April 6, 2026 through June 1, 2026 bills with the Board
Motion by Koons, and seconded by Rabbe to approve the bills as presented.
Carried unanimously

Year to Date Financial Report
Higgins reviewed the CY2026 year to date financial report with the Board.
Discussion ensued. No Board action was taken.

Open Discussion

- Patten will send an email to the Executive Board to put together a meeting for the 2027 Budget.
- Discussion ensued regarding the open Vice President position.
  Motion by Koons, and seconded by Rabbe to appoint James Kloeckner to interim Vice President and Tim Terfehr to President
  Carried unanimously

Adjournment
With no further business to wit,
Motion by Rabbe, and a seconded by Kloeckner to adjourn the meeting
Carried unanimously
The board meeting of the Martin County EDA was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Tim Terfehr, Board President

Elizabeth Miller, Secretary/Treasurer