

**MINUTES**  
**MERIDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**MEETING**

Monday, May 18, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

President Mike Vanecek called the meeting to order and Garland read the proof of posting notice. Members present were Mike Vanecek, Claiborne Phillips, Sidney Carlisle, and Marie Garland. David Duke was the staff member present. Also present were Evan Moore, and Weldon Hamilton.

**Public Forum** – No one wished to speak at public forum.

**Financial Statement and approval of expenditures** – Phillips reported on the financial status. He reported in the checking account a balance of \$39,788.13 and the CD's a balance of \$76,769.48 for a total balance of \$116,557.61. A motion was made by Garland, seconded by Carlisle and carried to approve the financial statement and expenditures presented for payment.

**Minutes** – Garland presented the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Carlisle, seconded by Garland and carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Coordinator's Report** – David Duke reported on several items he had been involved with the past month.

1. He was still trying to meet with Kip Avirett's office and had a meeting planned with Rob Orr on June 18, 2009.
2. He is attempting to meet with the Chamber committees. He has been asked to meet only with the Meridian Improvement Committee, chaired by Madelyn Rieke.
3. He mentioned that the HOTCOG EDC was meeting on Friday, May 22, 2009, at the Meridian Civic Center, then at the Courthouse for lunch. HOTCOG members would then tour the Courthouse and town. The MEDC board members are encouraged to attend.
4. He stated that he and Sydney Carlisle were doing a Meridian housing assessment and that the other realtor in Meridian did not respond to an invitation to participate.
5. Hill College's Bosque Campus enrolled approximately 100 students for the fall semester and David stated that he would be visiting with Hill in

an attempt to insure that the technical classes they will be offering address the needs of the businesses in and around Meridian.

6. He stated that a committee to study the new county jail has been established and will have its first meeting on May 26. David also informed the board that he will be a member of the committee.

**New Business**

1. Discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the City of Meridian Guidelines for Property Tax Abatement. Members discussed the various revisions and approved the changes. A motion was made by Garland, seconded by Carlisle and carried to approve the recommendation of the revisions to the City Council with the addition of an index.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Garland, seconded by Carlisle and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:

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President

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Secretary