

MINUTES
MERIDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, September 20, 2011
12:00 Noon

President Mike Vanecek called the meeting to order and Garland read the proof of posting. Members present were Payton Wallace, Claiborne Phillips, Larry Lawson, Michael Sharp, Mike Vanecek, and Marie Garland. Absent was Stephen Barnett. Also present was EDC Director, David Duke.

Public Forum – No one was present for public forum.

Minutes – Members reviewed the minutes for the July 22, 2011, meeting. Garland asked that the minutes be approved with corrections. A motion was made by Sharp, seconded by Wallace and carried to approve the minutes with corrections.

Financial Statement - Treasurer, Claiborne Phillips, presented the financial report to the members. A motion was made by Garland, seconded by Sharp and carried to approve the financial report as given. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Staff Payroll and Expenses – Members reviewed the payroll report and expense report for David Duke, EDC Director. A motion was made to approve the payroll and expenses.

Staff Report

1. David Duke reported on the status of the Community Development Plan presented to and adopted by the City. He explained that the City had appointed a three member Leader Group and approximately 25 people to the planning group. He also stated that there would be an orientation meeting on September 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. There would be a town hall meeting to start the planning process in October. He also stated that Megan Henderson, HOTCOG, would serve as the moderator. He wanted to express to the group to look past civic improvement and get a vision of the city 10 years out.

Old Business

2. David Duke presented information concerning how the limited economic development funds should be spent. He stated that the members needed to develop a consensus and develop criteria to review when presented with each request for assistance. He asked members to review the list and come back with ideas for the October meeting.
3. David Duke explained that the annual meeting was in October and that three member's terms were completed. The members were Larry Lawson, Claiborne Phillips, and Payton Wallace. Both Lawson and Phillips informed the members that they did not want to be reappointed. Payton indicated that he would like to serve another term. David asked the members to forward all names of interested parties to Garland and City Council would appoint the new members in their October meeting. An advertisement would be placed in the paper asking for nominations.

New Business

1. David Duke explained the request for funds received from the City of Meridian for assistance with the reconstruction of the Meridian Senior Center and Memorial Library. The city was asking for approximately \$50,000 for the removal of the rock and replacement of the rock after the building was reconstructed. Members discussed the authority to expend the funds and discussed the EDC code. Mayor Hauerland and Garland explained that they had talked with the City Attorney’s office and they informed them that they project was pushing the limits of the law and that maybe the City should ask for funds that were specifically authorized in the law. After more discussion, Mayor Hauerland asked the members to consider a sewer line extension across Hwy 6 for new business development in that area and to respectfully withdraw the application for funds for the Meridian Senior Center and Memorial Library.

Adjourn – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

President

Secretary