

*Chatham County Economic Development Corporation
July 10, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes*

Board Members Present: Joe Glasson, Chris Angus, Jamie Nunnelly, Larry Hicks, Patrick Barnes, Margie Ellison, Tim Cunnup, George Lucier, Randy Voller, John Grimes

Non-Voting Members Present: Dianne Reid, Neha Shah, Matt Garrett, Rodger Sauls

Staff Present: Jennifer Nelson

Guests Present: Tom Vanderbeck, Ron Newcomb, Melody Troncale

Chair Jamie Nunnelly called the Meeting to Order at 12:15.

Chair Jamie Nunnelly had everyone introduce themselves.

Joe Glasson made a motion to approve the June 12, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes; the motion was seconded by Patrick Barnes and approved.

Joe Glasson presented the Financial Statement and the 2007-2008 Amended Budget.

George Lucier made a motion to approve the June Financial Reports; the motion was seconded by Randy Voller and approved.

Joe Glasson made a motion to approve the 2007-2008 Amended Budget; the motion was seconded by Randy Voller and approved.

Chair Jamie Nunnelly asked for Public Input. There was no public input.

President Dianne Reid reported on the following:

1. Dianne Reid presented the 2007-2008 EDC Board Meeting Schedule. She stated that the meetings will rotate around the county.
2. Strategic Plan- Chris Angus updated the Board of directors on the work of the Strategic Plan Committee. Mr. Angus told the board of directors that the Moncure and Pittsboro meetings will be held 17th and 18th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. He asked that board members distribute flyers. He stated that Jason Jolley had noted the same 4-5 board members are attending every community meeting and it would be nice to have additional participation from the board of director. Jason Jolley will begin interviewing businesses and community leaders starting in late July. Please forward him a list of businesses or individuals to interview. The interviews will be conducted in confidence. Jason Jolley is also willing to make short presentations to 4-5 local civic organizations.
3. Dianne Reid asked if any one would be willing to serve on the Board Retreat Committee since Jane Wrenn is no longer with the Chamber. Neha Shah and Larry Hicks volunteered. She is planning on a half day retreat. The Chamber of Commerce position vacancy was discussed.
4. Reports – Dianne Reid explained to the board of directors that Jarrod Hilliard with Hobbs, Upchurch, and Associates had included a report in their books.
5. Dianne Reid explained to the board that she is trying to focus on three areas over the next three to six months.
 - a. Board work: including staff to board communications, Basic ED 101, Potential new clients.
 - b. Immediate challenges including Joan Fabrics , web site update
 - c. The many other issues that she is also trying to learn about are the Central Carolina Business Campus, the Small Business Loan Program, Infrastructure, and Inventory of available space and land. County-wide Telecommunications was discussed by the board. The board discussed buying existing buildings and unfitting to recruit businesses.
6. Dianne Reid asked the board of directors for volunteers to serve on the Central Carolina Business Campus Committee. Rodger Sauls and Joe Glasson volunteered.

Margie Ellison discussed a conference that she attended June 11-12 in Boone on Energizing Entrepreneurship sponsored by NC Rural Center. She stated that many Economic Development groups were there. One group she spoke about was around the Stanley County area, representing a seven county area. They are focusing on youth and minority vendors and looking at diversity. She stated that we must have an economic development strategic plan and include young people in the planning.

Chris Angus made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by George Lucier and approved.