

**South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority (SDEDA)
Telephonic Board Meeting Minutes**

March 31, 2010

9:00 AM (MT), 10:00 AM (CST)

Public Listening Post Located at:
Black Hills Visitor Center
1851 Discover Circle Drive
Rapid City, SD 57701

1. **Call to Order: Chairman Rampelberg called the meeting to order (8:59 AM, MST)**
 - Board members present: Jeff Erickson, Gary Grittner, Mark Johnston, Glen Kane, Stanley Porch, Bruce Rampelberg. Board Members absent: Mark Roby
 - Others present: Kevin Forsch, Sr. Advisor to Governor Rounds, Marie Balsley Taylor, Future Foundation, Scott Landguth, SDEDA, John Tanner, SDEDA
 - A telephonic listening post was made available at the Black Hills Visitor Center.

2. **Approval of March 31st Agenda**

MOTION: Glen Kane made a motion to approve the agenda. Stanley Porch seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of the present members.

3. **Approval of Minutes from the March 1st Board Meeting**

MOTION: Jeff Erickson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1st, 2010 board meeting. Mark Johnston seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote of the present members.

4. **Executive Directors Report**
 - Executive Director Merchen informed the board members that the SDEDA staff was in the process of determining alternative insurance quotes as requested at the previous board meeting. He articulated that once the quotes are in, staff members would make a determination on the best option for coverage per the motion made at the March 1st board meeting.
 - Executive Director Merchen informed the board that the SDEDA is in the process of formally accepting the PEPL insurance coverage offered by the state of South Dakota per the board's decision at the March 1st, 2010 board meeting.
 - Mr. Merchen also announced that, out of the 55 joint land use grants offered by the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), only one grant recipient, the state of South Dakota, has created an implementation plan. Because of the success of the SDEDA, Mr. Merchen has been asked to speak on behalf of OEA at the APA – American Planners Association nation conference in New Orleans.

5. **New Business (9:12 AM, MST)**
 - a) **Consideration of revisions to the Management and Operations Contract with the Future Foundation that was originally approved March 1, 2010.**

- Executive Director Merchen read into the record the changes suggested by him, SDEDA Legal counsel and the Future Foundation necessary to address the changes in the OEA grant to the State of South Dakota for the benefit of SDEDA management and operations. Drafts of revisions to the Agreement had been forwarded to Members but to be sure everyone was considering all revisions Executive Director Merchen walked the Members through the proposed changes in detail.

MOTION: Mark Johnston made a motion to approve the changes. Motion was seconded by Glen Kane. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of the present members.

b) Approval of resolution granting the Executive Director and Chairman authority to establish a checking and savings account and to sign checks.

- Chairman Rampelberg suggests that the wording in part two, section b) of the resolution be changed to read "Any Authority account check over the amount of \$1,000 shall be signed by two of the following: Chairperson, other board member or the Executive Director."

MOTION: Glen Kane made a motion to approve the resolution with the above stated changes. Motion was seconded by Jeff Erickson. Motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of the present members.

6. Other Business

- Chairman Rampelberg and Executive Director Merchen explained to board members the flow of funds and funding process for the OEA grant.
- The Chairman reminded the members to send in their travel reimbursement requests and be prepared to discuss the conflict of interest policy at the next board meeting.
- Board members discussed location options for the upcoming meeting to be tentatively held on June 14th. Mark Johnston informs the board that he will not be able to attend the June 14th meeting because of his obligation to the National Guard.

7. Adjournment (9:50 AM MST)

- MOTION: Stanley Porch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Grittner seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote of the present members.

Approved: _____

Signed: Bruce Rampelberg
(Bruce Rampelberg, Chairman)