

**Regular Meeting of the  
San Juan County Economic Development Council  
Board of Directors – Approved Minutes**

Wednesday December 9, 2009, 8:30-11:00

**Attending:**

Conference Room: Ralph Hahn, Liz Illg, Eliza Buck, Bruce Gregory,  
Peggy Bill, Scott Webster, Jim Hooper, Bill Watson, David Jones  
Phone: Jon Kobayashi, Patty Miller, Lance Evans  
Excused: Marilyn O'Connor, Randy Martin  
Recorder: Victoria Compton

**Agenda,**

Meeting Called to Order  
M/S/P Approval of previous meeting minutes (Nov)

I. Operational Issues

- a. President's Report: Ralph reported back from SJI Visitors' Bureau planning retreat. Patty reported back from last County Council meeting (see II.c.).
- b. EDC Program Coordinator's Report: Bill reported on transition, introduced Victoria. Currently working on communications ordinance changes, two articles for the *Journal* and one for the *Times*
- c. ARC Coordinator's Report: Eliza reported on transition, introduced Peggy. ARC working on farm-stand licensing, farm labor internships, open space fee increases, farmer's guide.
  1. Comments: open space fees were raised exponentially. Create EDC/ARC joint presentation of agriculture's impact on county. **AI:** gather data, show benefit to county & islanders.
  2. Eliza asked that EDC partially fund Farmer's Guide. Ralph asked for proposal.

II. Continued Business

- a. Nominating Subcommittee Report: Liz looking at potential board members.  
Comment: we need Town of FH & SJC Council members
- b. Sustainable Forestry: Liz looking at Trout Lake watershed as project for Town of FH.  
**AI:** Liz to give EDC a 1 page proposal.
- c. Cell Tower Ordinance Study Committee (see III.d. below)
- d. Tech Grant: - Ralph reported on meeting to get the Essential Public Facilities component of the County Comp Plan Land Use Element (See III.d below) to include statement about wireless communication structures and distribution.
- e. Sustainability Model: work w/ SJI Visitors' Bureau to market to businesses/potential residents. **AI:** Bill to give to Victoria. ► Done.

III. New Topics

- a. EDC potential role re Puget Sound Partnership. Many agreed that EDC could be helpful but that it would be hard to represent such a disparate group.

- b. EDC representative on Ag Guild Board (now Bill). Bill involved till 1/31/10. Bruce may be able to speak for both boards.
  - c. **M/S/P** Change signatories at Wells Fargo (and any other business paperwork) to Patty, Jim, Bruce. **M/S/P** Any check over \$2,000 will require two signatures. **AI:** Bring bylaws to change in January.
  - d. Land Use Issue: Patty will review land use updates. Ralph will review overall strategic goal as org. Patty will review 2.2.C and 2.2.B. Liz to review scenic ordinance. Jon to review 2.2.E. **AI:** Victoria to try to get SJC/TOFH dockets early. (Note: SJC Council available a few weeks early; Town of FH not available early.)
1. Next meeting  
Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, EDC Conference Room 8:30-11:00