

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

Wednesday July 8, 2009, 8:30-11:00 @ EDC Conference Room & Teleconference

Attending:

Conference Room: Ralph Hahn, Bruce Gregory, Liz Illg, Jim Hooper,
Marilyn O'Connor, Eliza Buck

Phone:

Recorder: Bill Watson

Excused: Eric Youngren, Scott Webster

Absent: Lia Noreen, Denise King, David Jones, Peggy Long, Patty Miller

Guests:

Agenda,

Meeting Called to Order

Any Additions/Changes to the Agenda??

There were no changes to the agenda.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes (June)
M/S/P Approve June meeting minutes without modification

2. Review of Financials and Budget Expenditures (June)
M/S/P Approve June financials.

3. Consent Agenda - None
4. Correspondence - None

5. Operational Issues
 - ARC Coordinator's Report
Ralph introduced Eliza to the entire board, as this being her first meeting as a new EDC Employee handling the ARC Coordinator duties.

Eliza reported on the meeting between Ron Zee (ARC Chair), Eliza, Ralph and Bill to discuss the new ARC Coordinator workplan and to identify potential Agricultural EDC projects and aspects of for the ARC to consider. The previous three categories of ARC work included Farmland Preservation, Ag Regulations, and Farmer Enrichment. Eliza will be meeting with Tom Shultz of WSU Extension, who is the committee chair of the Farmer Enrichment sub-committee of the ARC, as this is the area most focused on Economic Development of Ag to discuss/review outcome of the previous discussion.

 - President's Report
Ralph updated the board on the status of the Town of Friday Harbor Economic Development Element. This updated element of the Town's

Comprehensive Plan is working its way through the public review process of the Town Planning Commission and Town Council. It is based upon the original work of the Contractor of 2007, and the EDC's update in 2008.

- Program Coordinator's Report
Bill has distributed three RFP's to the board. Two were for the Sustainable Forestry Project. The third was for our annual Business Retention and Expansion Survey project. The Board asked if we were "obtaining" results from the BRE survey project that was useful. It was decided to hold this project for further discussion at the September meeting before issuing the RFP.

6. Continued Business

1. Nominating Subcommittee Report
(**Scott**, Marilyn, Liz, Bruce) - N/A
2. Cell Tower Ordinance Study Committee – Patty
N/A
3. Tech Grant – Ralph/Bill
No Report.

7. New Topics

1. Scenic ByWay – Deborah Hopkins
Deborah made a request for a \$1000.00 from the EDC to cover expenses of the scenic byway project until the approved grant funding comes through in September. This funding will primarily cover the attendance of Deborah and Liz at the National Scenic ByWay Conference in Denver in August (this is a conference that only happens every other year).

M/S/P: \$1000 approved to the Scenic ByWay project.

2. Micro-Loan Fund Grant Application - Bill.
Bill requested approval of \$500.00 to be allocated toward the writing of a grant application to obtain new funding toward micro-loan fund. This is a joint venture with Island County, Mason County, and Port Townsend. This money will be used to pay a contractor to write the grant application.

M/S/P: \$500 approved toward contractor writing a grant for micro-loan funding request.

8. Announcements

1. Next mtg Wednesday, September 9th, EDC Conference Room
8:30-11:00