

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
OF WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA**

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 2, 2008**

**Board Members Present:** Baumgartner, Chamness, Hackman, Holman, Keep, Kem, Powell, Semler, and Spears

**Board Members Absent:** Ahaus, Jackson and Veramallay

**Staff Present:** Dinkle, Groth, Hansen, Shaffer and van Niekerk

**Staff Absent:** Doty

**Guests Present:** David Brock  
Carol A. Detwiler  
David Dorsten – Terra Nova  
Mary Heyob – Wayne County Commissioner  
Jeff Lane - *WQLK*  
Chris Nolte – *WKBV*  
Renee Oldham – Main Street  
Darrell Smith – *Connersville News Examiner*  
George Sowers - EDC Legal Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairman Joe Chamness called the Board of Directors meeting for the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Indiana to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at the Centerville-Center Township Library in Centerville, Indiana.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Hackman, second by Spears** to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2008, monthly Board of Directors meeting. **Motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**August Financial Statement**

Powell reported that our budget year-to-date is under budget \$18,283.42, even though we were slightly over budget on our Advertising and PR line item for August. We are under budget for the year in the amount of \$23,785.66. **Motion by Hackman, second by Semler** to approve the report as presented. **Motion carried.**

**EDC REPORT**

In addition to his written President's Update in the Staff Report, Dinkle reported on a recent site visit he and van Niekerk made to Amarillo, Texas, the EDC compressed work week which will begin 9/15/08, the EDC seatback ads, and the South African Trade Delegation coming to Richmond. Dinkle thanked Hansen for his hard work on the Japan call trip.

In addition to his written Staff Report, Hansen reported that he had received a telephone call from Master Brand today stating that the decision to close here in Richmond was a corporate business decision and had nothing to do with the actual Richmond plant.

In addition to her written Staff Report, van Niekerk reported on the site visit to Amarillo, Texas and the upcoming South African Trade Delegation coming to Richmond on September 25, 2008.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Finance** – Powell reported that the Finance Committee discussed the general ledger, the Japan call Trip, new prospects, the company visitation program, the compressed work week policy and the upcoming South African Trade Delegation.

**B. Personnel** – Semler reported due to scheduling conflicts, the Personnel Committee did not hold an August, 2008 meeting.

**C. Marketing** – Holman reported that the Marketing Committee discussed the Japan call trip, recent site visits and prospects, the company visitation program, the compressed work week policy and the Master Brand situation, as well as the new green marketing ad for the EDC.

**D. Industrial Park** – Chamness reported that the Industrial Park Committee discussed the Really Cool Foods signage, the Japan call trip, recent site visits, the company survey visitations, the compressed work week policy, the Master Brand situation and the upcoming South African Trade Delegation.

**E. Executive** – Chamness reported that the Executive Committee discussed the Japan call trip, new prospects and site visits, the company visitation program, the compressed work week policy, the Master Brand situation, the EDC lease with Wayne Bank and the upcoming South African Trade Delegation.

#### **JAPAN TRIP**

Hansen reported on the Japan call trip, going over the details of the tightly packed agenda and the companies in Japan being visited as well as a visit to the Sister City. The six individuals will be splitting into two groups to cover more territory in Japan and will be taking along a Power Point program to highlight Wayne County. Chamness thanked Hansen for his hard work in preparing for this trip.

#### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Chamness discussed Dinkle's creative and innovative successes since he came to the EDC in December of 2006 and complimented Dinkle on doing an excellent job and in showing Wayne County new ways of prospecting and writing incentive letters. Chamness stated that it's hard to hang on to someone of Dinkle's caliber and then reported that he had received Dinkle's letter of resignation effective November 7, 2008. He stated that Dinkle has us on a positive track and that everyone who has come into contact with Jim is better for having known him. Dinkle offered to not go to Japan, but the Board vetoed that idea and asked that he still accompany the others to Japan. With great reluctance, **Motion by Hackman, second by Baumgartner to accept Dinkle's resignation. Motion carried.** Dinkle then spoke briefly about his tenure at the EDC and what it has meant to him.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING– 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2008,  
at the Lions Club, US 35, Economy, Indiana.**