

Minutes for PCEDA Board Meeting, Thursday, April 13, 2017 at PBTC

Attendance: Roger Smith, Patti McLaughlin, Paul Rudy, Christie Young, Morgan Tressler, Dawn Lowe, Jim Fuller, Derek Whitesel, Rich Pluta, Marti Roberts, Russ Hoover.

Excused absence: Frank Campbell, John Gerner, John Patterson.

Unexcused: Charles Gerner, Steve Peters, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Brenda Watson, June Reisinger

Guest: Jason Finnerty

Called to order at 8:11a.m.

No public comment

Secretary Report: Minutes posted in Dropbox. Rog motioned, Rich seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Patti McLaughlin, Dawn seconded. Report approved.

Chair report: Survey getting good results. Discussion ensued about how to get a second push of responses. BRE surveys progressing well. Can skip people who are not responsive – yes.

RBDG in last month – can get an extension of a month with a letter to Rob. Next grant application is in limbo. Under continuing resolution order until April 28. So we wait to hear. Marti intends to request money from Commissioners at their next meeting, skimming from the money Perry County gives SEDA COG and CREDC. We're the boots on the ground and have done significant work in the last year. Looking for resolution to authorize June and July expenses of \$4000 from reserve. Also, will ask SEDACOG and CREDC to share fee costs for loans. Rog asked if the allocation is arbitrary. Marti adds that Dave Schwartz had money to help us – can we be allocated some of that? Marti requested personal letters from each board members in support of funding request.

Patti motioned to allocate \$4000 for June/July spending. Rich asked is this was to be at a regular commissioners meeting – but it's going to be a private meeting. Looking for testimonials from local businesses. Morgan wants to hold seminars, looking for topics. Surveys will be informative. Need to find ways to help all levels of businesses in county. Discussion ensued about ideas and things coming out of the surveys so far. Christy seconded motion. Motioned carried unanimously.

Two resignations to accept. Brian Peters and Pat Patterson. Morgan asked what we do about the people are aren't showing up. Paul motioned, Morgan seconded. Motion carried to accept.

Farm Day Event – meeting today. Event is going to be held September 30. Farm Fest day September 23, Farm Bureau is planning it. 4-H and FFA will be very involved in that event. Glenn Kauffman is heading that ag promotion event. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> is next meeting. Donny Birch did not mention this other event to Morgan. We'll discuss this at 11. Rog feels like it's a shot across bows – why start this year? Farm Bureau is worried about bio security. We'll discuss this at the meeting at 11.

Ed Summit – Rog has been busy being retired. Will add Votech to list.

Derek motioned, Patti seconded motion to send letter of support. Christy abstained. Motion carried.

Rich thanked Marti for her presentation at Chamber Annual Dinner. Rog talked about Jamie at Hunter's Valley – Jamie wants more competition. "If he had 3 more wineries close by, he'd love that." Morgan mentioned that Rog won lifetime achievement award. Rog thanked all the people involved.

Patti motioned to adjourn, Christy seconded. Motion carried at 9/25.