

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

February 12, 2015

6:30 pm

Present: Bruce Carter, Ed Spurlock, Mike Fussell, John Sheley, John Zobl, Tom Atchley

Others Attending: JoAnna Blauw, Keith Dennen, Jimmy Johnston, Charles Alexander, Amanda Runnells-Foster, Brenda Payne, Don Long, Tena Lee, Scott Sprouse

Absent: Terry Smith, Larry Irwin

Roll was called, and there was a quorum.

Zobl called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

MINUTES

Zobl called for approval of the May 8, 2014 and June 26, 2014 meeting minutes. Fussell so moved; Spurlock seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCE REPORT

Carter went over the finances from June 2014 through December 2014. The only new expense was the Christmas dinner. Fussell moved to accept the finance report; Spurlock seconded. The report was approved.

Charles Alexander from the TSBDC made a brief presentation of the group's goals and accomplishments. He asked that the board continue its support in the amount of \$7,500.00. Fussell moved to grant the TSBDC \$7,500.00; Atchley seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Amada Runnells-Foster and Brenda Payne from the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce asked for a \$15,000.00 grant so the Chamber could expand their ECD outreach efforts and to expand the current programs and add new programs, i.e., Chamber Recap, Young Professionals Council, Business Retention and build a database of available and under-construction office space. Atchley moved to grant the Chamber \$15,000.00; Fussell seconded. Dennen reminded the board that they are prohibited by law to give money to for programs such as the Young Professionals and Chamber Recap and that the funds have to be limited to the business incubator.

Sheley amended the motion to allocate the money to the small business incubator, including rent and overhead; Fussell seconded. The amendment and the motion were unanimously approved.

Jimmy Johnston from Forward Sumner requested that the board continue its \$18,000.00 yearly pledge to Forward Sumner for the year June 2015-May2016. He discussed

Forward Sumner's long-range plans, especially for the 109 corridor. He also highlighted the business-shadowing program with 24 students and the Sumner County College of Applied Technology in Portland. Carter moved to grant \$18,000.00 to Forward Sumner; Fussell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Don Long gave a presentation and ECD update for the City of Hendersonville. He then asked for \$2,600.00 for his annual trip to the ICSC in May 2015. Sheley moved to grant the request in an amount not to exceed \$2,600.00; Spurlock seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Blauw reported that Terry Smith had expressed an interest in doing an ECD event including lunch and golf at Bluegrass Yacht & Country Club. Blauw reported that she had spoken with Bluegrass and the event could be done for a maximum price of \$3,500.00. Fussell moved to authorize JoAnna Blauw to schedule and plan the event with a maximum budget of \$3,500.00; Spurlock seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The board decided to meet prior to the event to discuss last minute details.

Zobl brought up changing the time of the board's meetings to 5:30 pm, still on the second Thursday of the month. Sheley so moved; Spurlock seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was discussion about a luncheon for John Steinhauer and also for recognizing the late Elbert Jones and Shelton Hatcher. Blauw and Dennen said they would look into possible dates and coordinate with the families.

OLD BUSINESS

None

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

John Zobl, Chairman

Bruce Carter, Treasurer

