

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room "A" of the County Administration Building, 1840 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting and review the agenda and minutes on the IRC website - www.ircgov.com/Boards/EDC/2007. Please note listed at the end of each agenda item refers to time on the recorded minutes.

Present were members: Chairman William Penney, Banking Appointee; Doug Bournique, Local Industry Appointee; Vice Chairman Peter Robinson, Developer Appointee; Scott Carson, Real Estate Appointee (arrived 3:05 p.m.); Talmage Rogers, Jr., Citrus Industry Appointee; Ray Coniglio, Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce Appointee; Gary Sullivan, Civic Organization Appointee; Ann Reuter, School Board Appointee; Mayor Savage, Alternate, City of Fellsmere Appointee; Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez (arrived at 3:10 p.m.) and Deborah Segal, Member-at-Large Appointees; and Peter O'Bryan, Non-voting Commissioner Liaison.

Absent were members: Penny Chandler, Indian River Chamber of Commerce (IRCOC) Appointee; Deborah Mayfield, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointee; Mayor Andrea Coy, City of Sebastian Appointee; Councilmember Debra Fromang, City of Vero Beach Appointee; James Kretsch, Member-at-Large Appointee (all excused); Victor Hart, Sr., Gifford Community Appointee and Councilmember Francisco Magana, City of Fellsmere Appointee (unexcused).

Also present were IRC Staff: Sasan Rohani, Long Range Planning Chief; Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner; and Terri Collins-Lister, Staff Assistant IV. Others present: Mary L. Duryea, University of Florida (UF), Associate Dean for Research and Associate Director Florida Agricultural Experiment Station Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)

Call to Order

Chairman Penney called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes of May 15, 2007 Meeting (00:00:20)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Rogers, SECONDED BY Mr. Coniglio, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the May 15, 2007 meeting minutes as presented.

What the University of Florida is doing on Bio Fuels – Mary L. Duryea, Associate Dean for Research and Associate Director, UF/IFAS (00:00:23)

Ms. Duryea gave a PowerPoint presentation on Bio-energy and UF/IFAS, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. She highlighted the potential feedstocks for cellulosic ethanol in Florida, cellulosic biomass to energy and the potential production of ethanol.

Mr. Carson arrived at 3:05 p.m.

Ms. Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez arrived at 3:10 p.m.

There was a discussion on the “Invitation to Negotiate for Site Selection of a Cellulosic Ethanol Plant” issued by the UF/IFAS. It was indicated that the UF is seeking a site upon which to operate a research and demonstration cellulosic ethanol plant and related infrastructure services.

A discussion ensued on a location in the County for a Cellulosic Ethanol Plant.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Robinson, SECONDED BY Ms. Segal, the members voted unanimously (11-0) to recommend the Board of County Commissioners hold a special call meeting to authorize staff to submit a proposal to the University of Florida/ Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences in response to the Invitation to Negotiate Site Selection for a Cellulosic Ethanol Plant.

Indian River County Economic Report Card – Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner (00:57:02)

Mr. Schutt handed out a copy of the Indian River County Economic Report Card of the Average Annual Wage, Average Annual Employment and the Total Wages for Indian River County from the year 2001 to 2005, a copy of which is on

file in the Commission Office. He gave a brief overview of the report for information only.

Other Matters (01:10:00)

Mr. Bournique briefly discussed the Farm Bill.

Committee Members Matters (01:12:00)

Ms. Helene Caseltine, IRCOC, was unable to attend the June 19, 2007 EDC Meeting, but sent an update of the Piper Retention Efforts for the committee members, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Sullivan left at 4:28 p.m.

A discussion was held on the Piper Retention Efforts and the need for greater support.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.