

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

A meeting was held of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501 of the County Administration Building B, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> St., Vero Beach, Florida. Note: You may hear an audio of the meeting and review the agenda and meeting notes on the IRC website - [www.ircgov.com/Boards/EDC/2018](http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/EDC/2018).

### **EDC Members Present**

Joe Idlette III, Gifford Community  
Peter Robinson, Local Developer  
Penny Chandler, IRC Chamber of Commerce  
Casey Lunceford, Indian River State College  
Sara Savage, City of Fellsmere  
Jim Funk, Local Manufacturing Industry  
John Dyer, Local Industry  
William Penney, Banking Industry (arrived at 3:34)  
Bruce Redus, BCC Appointee  
Todd Howder, Member-At-Large  
Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez, Member-At-Large  
Karl Zimmermann, Member-At-Large  
Commissioner Peter D. O'Bryan, District 4, Non-Voting Commission Liaison

### **EDC Members Absent**

Brian Bauer, CareerSource Research Coast  
Val Zudans, City of Vero Beach (COVB)  
Bob Auwaerter, Town of Indian River Shores  
Beth Mitchell, Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce  
Laura Zorc, School Board of Indian River County  
Linda Kinchen, City of Sebastian  
Paul Knapp, Town of Orchid  
Chad Olson, Local Tourist Industry  
Tim Borden, Real Estate Appointee  
Vacant, Local Citrus Industry

### **Others Present**

Helene Caseltine, IRC Chamber of Commerce  
Susan Haggard, CareerSource Research Coast  
Toby Hill  
Laurie Collings, Manpower  
Cherry Stowe, Town Clerk, Town of Orchid

### **IRC Staff**

Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner  
Sasan Rohan, Chief, Long Range Planning  
Tina Cournoyer, Commissioner Assistant, Recording Secretary

### **Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Idlette called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Roll was taken and it was established that there was not a quorum present.

**Presentation on Apprenticeships at Indian River State College (IRSC)**—Casey Lunceford, Provost Indian River County

Mr. Lunceford used PowerPoint slides to provide an overview of CEDS. A copy of his slides and the handout are on file in the Commission office. He announced where the facilities were located in Indian River County: Fellsmere, Sebastian, and Mueller and that they were expanding to be more convenient to students. Mr. Lunceford explained the scholarship opportunities, internship, service learning and apprenticeship opportunities. He said IRSC strived to meet the needs of employers for a skilled workforce, and to let him know if there is a need that is not already being offered. Apprenticeships with IRSC are: HVAC and electrical.

Mr. Toby Hill added that IRCC partnered with general contractors to provide apprenticeships, but that went away. He said there is a huge need and urged IRSC to provide this training again. Mr. Lunceford assured that IRSC is aware and working on it.

**Mr. Penney arrived at 3:34, so a quorum was present for voting.**

**Approval of the EDC Minutes of April 17, 2018**

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Robinson, SECONDED BY Mr. Zimmerman, the members voted unanimously (12-0) to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018 meeting.**

**Presentation on Apprenticeships at CareerSource Research Coast**—Susan Haggard, Sector Strategy Coordinator

Ms. Haggard used a video and powerpoint slides to provide an overview of the new apprenticeship program being offered, the Industrial Manufacturing Technician. She explained that CareerSource RC was the funding mechanism, but Treasure Coast Manufacturers Association was the sponsor. She said the 18-month program provided accepted students with a competitive wage (beginning at \$11/hr and ending at \$18/hr), tuition-free training, and two certifications upon completion. Ms. Haggard also showed a video of a welder who planned to attend the Industrial Manufacturing Technician program; the powerpoint slides and the video are both on file in the commission office.

Ms. Haggard explained the employers are reimbursed \$6480 per employee/student.

Ms. Haggard reviewed the requirements for enrollment. She said interested people could contact Nadege Pierre at 866-482-4473 Ext 508 for more information.

Ms. Haggard also announced CareerSourceRC was starting a task force in our area to launch a State of the Jobs/State of the Talent. She invited industry leaders to inquire if interested in serving on the task force.

**Other EDC matters**

Commissioner O'Bryan brought up some school districts are beginning to build housing on campus for teachers.

Commissioner O'Bryan announced the BCC approved the change for the citrus industry member to now be an agriculture industry member. He said interested individuals could visit the county website to find the application.

Ms. Caseltine added that John's Island workforce housing land had been cleared.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned **at 4:30 p.m.**

**Next meeting date: June 19, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.**