

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

**Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 1, 2009**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ahaus, Baumgartner, Chamness, Hackman, Holman, Jackson, Kem, Powell, Semler, Smith, Spears, Veramallay

STAFF PRESENT: Doty, Groth, Hansen, Luken, Rogers, Shaffer and van Niekerk

GUESTS PRESENT: Chris Beeson - Wayne County Council
Kim Bennett - Congressman Mike Pence's Office
Doug Bennett - Earlham College
Debbie Berry - Congressman Mike Pence's Office
Bob Bever - Boston Bever Klinge Cross & Chidester
Steve Borchers - Wayne County Foundation
Dr. Alan Bourff - Richmond Community Schools
Denny Burns - Wayne County Commissioner
Monica Burns - Wayne County Council
Peggy Cenova - SBDC
Rich Cody - Parallax
Ron Cross - Boston Bever Klinge Cross & Chidester
Al Dillon - Wayne County Council
Joseph Ehrenreich - Johns Manville
Tony Foster - City of Richmond
Tim Frame - West End Bank
Pete Galletly - Thiedeman's - Bev's Threads
Mike Gibbs - Ivy Tech
Jeff Huffine - Huffine Designs
Mayor Sally Hutton - City of Richmond
Greg Janzow - Smith Dairy
Nick Jarrett - Town of Hagerstown
Jeff Jeffers - J.M. Hutton
Mindy Kenworthy - Indiana Economic Development Corporation
Craig Kinyon - Reid Hospital & Health Care Services
Jeff Lane - WHON/Kicks 96
Theresa Lindsey - Really Cool Foods
Michelle Lindsey - TBKA
Paul Lingle - Lingle Real Estate
Denna Masters - Pinehurst Village
Scott McKee - First Merchants Bank
Ron Oberle - Oberle Construction
Eleanor Oberle - Oberle Construction
John Oberle - Oberle Construction
Hisashi Okayama - TBKA
Diana Pappin - Ivy Tech

Laurie Parsons - The Stride Rite Corporation
Harry Phillips - Richmond Power & Light
Jeff Plasterer - County Council
Kim Poinsett - First Bank Richmond
Tracie Robinson - Prime Realty
John Rusie - First Bank Richmond
Tim Sadler - Pinehurst Village
Steve Saum - Richmond Power & Light
Gary Saunders - Wayne County Council
Darrell Smith - Connersville News Examiner
George Sowers – EDC Council– Knoll, Kolger, Sowers, Metzger
Avis Stewart - Earlham College
Ted Suhura - TBKA
Dan Tate - Lingle Real Estate
Gale Tate - Lingle Real Estate
Garry Teeguarden - Berry Plastics
Mary Jo Thomas - Whitewater Valley REMC
Tracey van Niekerk - EDC
Mike Walker - Hoosier Energy
Mary Walker - Tourism
Toni Wampler - The Stride Rite Corporation
Robin Weinert - First Bank Richmond
Rob Wells - Primex Plastics
Bruce Wissel - City Council

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Jeff Jackson called the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County, Indiana to order at 4:11 p.m., Monday, June 1, 2009.

2008 REVIEW

Joe Chamness referred everyone to his report in the 2008 Annual Report and thanked the EDC staff for helping him get through the last three months of 2008. Chamness discussed the challenges ahead and the need to work together to meet these challenges.

2009 OVERVIEW

Jeff Jackson discussed the issues we face today and noted that as the EDC has had several changes in the last few months. Jackson reminded everyone of the EDC's Mission Statement and discussed the EDC's focus which is on our existing employers and employees. He went on to say that while attraction is important, it is only one part of the EDC's work and discussed where we need to be in 2009 which is focused on existing businesses. Jackson discussed the Life Sciences Feasibility Report and how Tracey van Niekerk had put a lot of energy into the project. Jackson talked about Tim Rogers and what Rogers has brought to the EDC in his first few months here. He listed off the number of meetings and people Rogers has already met with in his first months here and the impact he is making in the County. Jackson discussed the EDC's Work Plan Task Force being headed up by Kevin Ahaus, the Incentives Task Force being headed up by Rhett Baumgartner and the help that Mary Heyob has given to that committee. Jackson then discussed the success of Rogers and the EDC staff so far in of 2009 and stated that he's looking forward to more successes in the following months.

AWARDS

Tim Rogers gave a brief synopsis of the award recipients and their companies while Jeff Jackson and Joe Chamness presented awards to the ten existing businesses for their continued investment in Wayne County. The audience viewed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting those ten businesses while the awards were being handed out. Those businesses were:

Berry Plastics

J.M. Hutton Co., Inc.

Johns Manville

Oberle & Associates, Inc.

Pinehurst Village

Primex Plastics

Reid Hospital

TBK America

The Stride Rite Corporation

Tiedemann-Bevs Industries

RECOGNITION OF PAST CHAIR

Jeff Jackson presented a plaque to Joe Chamness and thanked him for his hard work as the past President of the EDC Board in 2008.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jeff Jackson introduced Paul Lingle as the Keynote Speaker and listed his many accomplishments. Lingle presented a very motivational speech (a copy of which is attached to these minutes).

ADJOURNMENT

Jackson adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.