MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

August 3, 2010

Members Present:

Sam Yount	President
H. Lee Hodgen	Vice-President
Ken Austin	Member

Members Absent:

Tony Wellings	Secretary
John Ditmars	Member

Others Present:

Krista Linke	Planning Director
Rob Schafstall	Legal Counsel
Cheryl Morphew	JCDC
Jaime Harshman	Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Sam Yount called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Approval of Minutes:

Lee Hodgen made a motion to approve the July 6th, 2010 meeting minutes as presented. Ken Austin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

EDC 2010-04: Waiver on Non-Compliance:

Mr. Whirley stated that FEMCO was a joint venture, owned by Superior Essex and a Japanese company. The Japanese company dissolved in December 2008. In 2009, they failed to submit proper paperwork due to the purchase of the company by Superior Essex. He stated that the assets and equipment of the company haven't changed; only the ownership has changed. They are requesting that the abatement be changed from FEMCO to Superior Essex, effective for 2009 and payable 2010.

Ms. Linke stated that with the waiver of non-compliance it would make the abatement retroactive. Mr. Yount questioned if they did receive the ongoing abatement. Ms. Linke stated that they should have but because it was not transferred to the new name of Superior Essex, they did not.

Action taken on EDC 2010-04: Waiver on Non-Compliance:

Ken Austin made a motion to approve the transfer of the tax abatement from FEMCO to Superior Essex. Lee Hodgen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EDC 2010-05: Electro-Spec Tax Abatement Modification:

Mr. Yount stated that Electro-Spec wants to extend the date of the project from 12-31-09 to 12-31-10. They are also requesting an increase in personal property from $1.8 million to $2.2 million. Jeff Smith, Electro-Spec, stated they added onto the building in 2009. He stated thereason for the additional request for the extension is because of new business from Energizer Battery. The project was delayed until the first part of this year. He stated the increased amount is due to doing business with Medtronic. He explained that the FDA must give approval when Medtronic changes suppliers and the approval has taken longer than anticipated. The equipment purchase has been on hold until everything is approved. Mr. Smith stated that when the initial request was turned in, they had 33 employees. They now have 50 employees and with business from Medtronic they will increase the number of employees to 55-56.

Action taken on EDC 2010-05: Electro-Spec Tax Abatement Modification:

Lee Hodgen made a motion regarding Resolution 2008-04, to make a favorable recommendation to the City Council to extend the abatement from 12-31-2009 to 12-31-2010 and to increase the limit to $2.2 million.

Ken Austin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Mr. Austin stated that he is concerned that a lot of the companies that are receiving abatements are using temporary employees. He stated that the EDC needs to discuss how the City of Franklin is going to move forward with the abating process.

Mr. Yount asked if the EDC could request the number of temps used vs. full time employees. Ms. Linke stated that they could.

Discussion was held on the costs and use of temporary employees in businesses.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of September, 2010.

Sam Yount

Sam Yount, President

Tony Wellings

Tony Wellings, Secretary