

MID-COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017  
7:45 a.m.  
MCEDD Office and Teleconference

**ATTENDANCE:**

*In Person:* Rod Runyon

*Teleconference:* Jan Brending, Eric Proffitt, Bill Schmidt, Rex Johnston, Bob Hamlin, Ken Bailey and Bob Benton

*Staff:* Sherry Bohn and Amanda Hoey

*Guest:* Les Ruark (teleconference)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Jan Brending called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. A quorum was present. Round table introductions took place

**TRAVEL REQUEST APPROVAL**

Amanda Hoey presented a request for out-of-state travel to allow Carrie Pipinich to attend CiderCon which is put on annually by the United States Association of Cidermakers (USACM). She noted that it would provide staff with an opportunity to better understand the broader cider industry, hone marketing skills required to support the growing Gorge Cider Society, and give staff a chance to meet and learn from other regional association leadership. Amanda reported that the USACM has offered to provide a free pass for attendance at the convention and share lodging for the duration of the event to provide an opportunity for staff to participate. She reported that this was estimated at approximately \$1,100 in value that MCEDD could leverage but that MCEDD would need to cover travel costs associated with the trip. Amanda reported that staff proposes using funds from the Specialty Crop Block Grant through the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to cover travel expenses. This grant is focused on providing staff support and furthering marketing efforts for the Gorge Cider Society. She noted that this trip and its purpose fit within the scope of work for the grant and support further development of the Gorge Cider Society and that approval would be conditional upon confirmation from ODA.

Amanda noted that all out-of-state (OR/WA) travel not already approved through the budget process must be approved by the MCEDD Board or Executive Committee and requested MCEDD Board approval to allow Carrie Pipinich to travel to Chicago, IL to participate in the CiderCon conference and represent the Gorge Cider Society through dedicated vendor space provided at no cost and in a regional association roundtable with cider industry associations from around the US.

Rob Runyon moved to approve the request as presented. Rex Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Amanda Hoey reported that over this past weekend that the office building roof had developed a leak in approximately the same location as the last one about a year ago. She reported that she had contacted the building owner and that he was working on finding a contractor to fix the leak as soon as possible.

*Discussion: Eric Proffitt asked about the roof integrity. Amanda explained that the roof had been patched the last time, the building owner was seeking to have a more permanent fix done and noted that this was most likely caused by snow and ice buildup.*

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Bohn, MCEDD Office Administrator*