

**MID-COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
LOAN ADMINISTRATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 24, 2017

9:30 AM

MCEDD OFFICE, 515 East 2nd Street, The Dalles

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD: Scott Clements (teleconference), AJ Tarnasky (teleconference), Bob Benton (teleconference), and Bob Hamlin (teleconference)

STAFF: Eric Nerdin and Amanda Hoey

CALL TO ORDER:

Scott Clements called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. A quorum was present. A round of introductions took place. Scott requested that any Board member disclose any conflict of interests for any of the topics to be reviewed today. None were noted.

LOAN ADMINISTRATION BOARD MINUTES

Bob Hamlin moved to approve the minutes from May 16, 2017. Bob Benton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

LOAN MODIFICATION REQUEST: VERONICA'S SALSA, LLC

Eric Nerdin presented a loan modification request for Veronica's Salsa, LLC to release collateral.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Per ORS 192.660 (f) Exempt Documents, the MCEDD Loan Administration Board moved into Executive Session at 9:35 a.m.

Regular session was reconvened at 9:53 a.m.

AJ Tarnasky disclosed a potential perception of a conflict of interest due to the involvement of Columbia State Bank relationship which was identified during discussion. AJ noted that it is a different department and there is no personal gain. The board had no issue with the relationship and did not perceive a real conflict of interest.

LOAN MODIFICATION REQUEST DECISION: VERONICA'S SALSA, LLC

AJ Tarnasky moved to deny the loan modification request. Bob Benton seconded the motion.

Discussion: AJ Tarnasky stated that there was information he needed and he wanted to see the client demonstrate profitability while making payments moving forward. Bob Benton noted additional information needed to analyze the request from the client. Bob Hamlin asked about the consequences if tax issues remained unresolved. Eric highlighted the payment deadline, but did not indicate any alternative payment plans.

Motion fails with two in favor (Tarnasky, Benton) and two opposed (Hamlin, Clements).

Bob Hamlin moved to take no action at this time and request further information from the client. AJ Tarnasky seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: The Board highlighted the information needed from the client to analyze a request at a future meeting, including options with the IRS, further history on the circumstances which led to the need and, specifically, if the payroll tax issue was due to a failure to pay or error in the rate. Attendance by the client is encouraged if the request reappears at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Hoey, Executive Director