

**NORTH BREVARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE (NBEDZ)
SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES**

September 14, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m.
District 1 Commission Office
400 South Street, Suite 1A
Titusville, Florida 32780

Board Members:

In Attendance: Dan Aton, John Beasley, Micah Loyd, Robert Jordan, George Mikitarian, Donn Mount, and Louis Sanders

Absent: Brenda Fettrow and Stan Retz

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m., by George Mikitarian, Chair.

I. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Robert Jordan, seconded by Donn Mount, to accept the Agenda. Motion carried and ordered unanimously.

Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Jordan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Review and Approval of Board Minutes:

Motion by Donn Mount, seconded by Robert Jordan, to approve the NBEDZ Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2012. Motion carried and ordered unanimously.

III. Staff Report:

Stockton Whitten, Assistant County Manager, stated the Final Budget Hearing for the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, September 27th at 5:30 p.m.; and he requested all NBEDZ Board Members be in attendance.

IV. Discussion and Direction:

A. Motion by Donn Mount, seconded by Louis Sanders, to approve the changes of the North Brevard Development District Job Opportunity Program drafted agreement with Rocket Crafters, Inc. Motion ordered and carried unanimously.

V. Other Business:

Motion by Robert Jordan, seconded by Micah Loyd, to authorize George Mikitarian, NBEDZ Chairman, to work with Stockton Whitten, Assistant County Manager, to draft a letter to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) requesting funding disbursement of \$500,000 worth of EDC grant funds and/or disburse funds as a bridge gap loan to NBEDZ for assistance supporting economic development projects, including the incentive payment commitment to Rocket Crafters, Inc.; approved the funding be used prior to January 31, 2013; and approved the NBEDZ to retain the funded amount of \$500,000, should Rocket Crafters, Inc., fail on its commitments. Motion carried and ordered unanimously.

VI. Public Comments:

Joe Hill, Space Coast Technical Network (STN) representative, stated STN is supportive of the NBEDZ; STN has volunteers available; STN is interested in establishing a Business Incubator Facility in North Brevard; STN is teaming up with the University of Central Florida (UCF) to be a part of its Business Incubator Program; and UCF has offered to manage the Program for \$200,000 a year, it will provide staff and infrastructure upgrades to the furniture and telephone service; but is requesting a 10,000 square foot facility be provided to them. He added, there are many people in Brevard County that are out of work; work is being found outside of Florida; and the local talents are relocating to other states.

VII. Adjournment:

Upon consensus the NBEDZ Board adjourned at 10:29 a.m.



Robert Jordan, CM, Secretary

Approved by the Board October 12, 2012.