TEAM Santa Rosa FLORIDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC

Board of Directors Meeting
February 17, 2009

Attending BOD Members:

Ed Gray, Chairman	Dick Baker, Treasurer	Tommy Tait, Chair Elect
Mike Diehl	Carrie Swilley	Larry Meese
Jeff Helms	Ferd Salomon	John Myslak
Bob Harriman	Dave Hoxeng	Don Jehle

Ex-Officio:

Cheryl Smith -SRC Schools	Clif Krut - Main St. Milton	Dave Szymanski-City of Gulf Breeze
Donna Tucker-SR Chamber	Brian Watkins - City of Milton	Tracey Terry -Navarre Chamber
Kate Wilkes - Tourist Dev Council	Jim Waite - Pace Chamber	

Staff:

Tina Stewart	Cindy Anderson	Pat Lockard
Shannon Ogletree		

Public:

Alan Isaacson	Jerry Couey	Others that did not sign in

RSVP'ed Guests:

Patrick Jehle	Gary Sammons	

Chairman Ed Gray called the meeting to order.

Minutes: No meeting was held in January, 2009, and December 2008 was a full membership meeting with no recorded minutes.

A motion was made to approve minutes from the last meeting of November 17, 2008. Since this is also the first meeting noticed to the public, all minutes available from TEAM were provided for review, and a motion was made to also approve those minutes. Motions were seconded and approved with no objections. (For the file: All minutes had been emailed to the Board of Directors the prior week)

Financial Report:

The current financial report was provided for review. Treasurer Dick Baker found it to be in order and explained the improvements to the report, which simplifies information. Mr. Baker **motioned approval. A second was called and the report was unanimously approved.**

Ed Gray stated that all directors had been provided with a copy of the audit for last fiscal year, and asked for questions and approval. **A motion was made to accept the audit, and was seconded without objection.**

Now that Durst & Associates is cutting checks, the invoices (as opposed to checks) over $1000 will be reviewed and have two signatures.

Commissioner Gordon Gooden was welcomed to the meeting, serving this year as economic development commissioner. Guests were also welcomed. Gary Sammons accompanied Carrie Swilley and Patrick Jehle accompanied Don Jehle.

TEAM Organization Review Update:
Chairman Ed Gray discussed the fact that the Governor's Office of Open Government had advised that there is an opinion that all economic development organizations in Florida would now be required to meet standards for public records, including being noticed and open to the public and open to public comment. He went on to detail how this option came into existence and how the economic state organization was hoping to work with EDO's. We would also have training, but to note that Sunshine standards do not permit private discussion of voting issues between two or more directors.

A discussion took place on the effect of Sunshine laws on economic development, and whether it would further compromise competitiveness with Georgia and Alabama.

A committee comprised of Tommy Tait, Carrie Swilley and Larry Meese will review and advice on procedure and bylaw changes needed to accommodate Sunshine laws.

New/Old Business:
Dave Hoxeng inquired about progress of the private prison project. Cindy Anderson reported that all seemed to be on track with construction beginning at about the end of March.

Public Forum:
There were no public forum speakers.

Adjourn:
With no further business, meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be a full membership meeting on March 17, 2009 at the Russell Center at Locklin Tech.