

GC BUSINESS FIRST

December 8, 2009

Members Present

Tom Bianco, Chair
Cindy Cliver, Abilities Center
Allen Magid, GCC
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Manuel Biagas, NJLWD
Brenda Geist, BRC
Don Swartz, SBA

Members Absent

Justin Kenyon, NJEDA
Sam Leone, Business
Michelle Shirey, GC Econ. Dev.

Jerry Knast, St. John of God
Keith McDermott, DVR

Tom opened the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Motion to approve November 10, 2009 minutes was made by Allen Magid, seconded by D. Swartz.

Outreach

Allen reported:

Powell Electronics was approved for \$86,000 grant;
Sherwood Display work continues;
Direct Group applied for extension but no word if accepted;
DrugStore.Com submitted pre-qual to start another grant application

The committee would like to focus on visiting food manufacturing businesses. Daniele & Tom visited Rastelli Foods, they will be expanding in spring 2010 by adding 80,000 square feet to existing building and will hire 30 new employees. In January 2010 they will open Rastelli Direct, which will be open to public and employ 40-80 new employees.

Brenda & Allen will visit Missa Bay in early January.

Tom provided copy of questionnaire to be used when visiting businesses.

Manny reported many people are interested in SBA information and also finding many employers are skeptical in hiring.

Cindy reported they are very busy to date.

New Business

Tom provide a copy of 2010 mission statement, a motion was made to approve by Allen Magid, seconded by Brenda Geist.

Motion for adjournment was made by Manny Biagas, seconded by Brenda Geist.

The next meeting will be held January 12 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff