

**Midcoast Economic Development District  
Executive Committee Meeting**

**9:00 am Friday May 28, 2015  
Damariscotta Town Offices**

**Executive Committee Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Unit of Gov.</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Staci Coomer		Town of Rockport	Knox		X
Bill Whitten	President	Cumberland County	Cumberland	X	
Betty Johnson	Secretary	Waldo County	Waldo	X	
Pam Hile	Treasurer	Sagadahoc County	Sagadahoc	X	
Join Gibbons		Town of Union	Knox	X	
Bill Blodgett		Lincoln County	Lincoln		X
John Delvecchio		Lincoln County	Lincoln		X
Bill Giroux		City of Bath	Sagadahoc	X	
Roger Moody		Knox County	Knox	X	
Les Fossil		Town of Alna	Lincoln		X
John Shattuck		Town of Topsham	Sagadahoc	X	

**Staff and Guest Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization/Affiliation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jeff Kobrock	MCEDD Executive Director	X	
Scott Hastings	MCEDD Staff	X	

Bill Witten opened the meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Consideration of April 24 Minutes

Roger Moody moved to approve minutes, Betty Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Update on MCOG/EDA Transfer

Jeff Kobrock reviewed that he had been charged at the last executive committee meeting to talk with an attorney about the resolution to support MCOG seeking the EDD designation and the dissolution of the MCEDD Corporation.

The attorney felt that the board's resolution expressed a sentiment of what the board felt was right for the organization. The designation is owned by EDA and there is no process in which MCEDD can tell EDA what to do with it. It is appropriate for MCEDD to express support for the idea that EDA can take into consideration as it examines the idea internally.

Dissolving the corporation is a simple matter that the attorney is willing to work on with Jeff so as to make sure that it happens smoothly. The GA must make a resolution authorizing Jeff to undertake this action.

4. Consideration Of Recommendations for Board of Directors/June General Assembly Meeting
  - a. Dissolution of the Corporation
  - b. Transference of Assets/Liabilities
  - c. Transference of Name

Bill Witten asked how the transfer of the MCEDD name and logo to MCOG would affect this process.

John Shattuck responded that it would be a fairly simple and that after the dissolution of MCEDD, MCOG would change its bylaws to include the MCEDD name. MCOG would also keep its council of government status so as to continue its existing contracts under that name.

There was some discussion about what actions the MCEDD board could take to facilitate the transfer of the name and logo. While a vote by MCEDD in support of this was seen a good gesture it was felt that the decision to use the name ultimately resided with MCOG. Many felt that a carefully worded formal act from MCEDD showing its support for the potential use of the MCEDD name by MCOG would be an important show of good will and support for the new organization.

Bill Giroux motioned to continue allowing Jeff to research the dissolution process and bring the matter to the general assembly at its upcoming meeting. Betty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Gibbons asked if there would be any issue with continuing the brownfields grant that was awarded to MCEDD.

Jeff replied that he had spoken with the people responsible for the grant and it would be a simple process to transfer the award to the new organization.

John Gibbons asked if there were any other assets and specifically asked about a check the organization had received from Lincoln County.

Jeff replied that there were no other assets. They had received a check from Lincoln County a few weeks prior with no explanation for what it was for. The check had not been cashed.

John Shattuck noted that it was for an amount that had been named in a contract for services that the county had discussed with the organization. This contract cannot be fulfilled as MCEDD will not have staff come July first. He mentioned that it may be possible to repurpose this amount as dues for the new organization. Knox County was working out a way to pay the balance of its dues on top of the portion paid by interested municipalities within the county. Something like this could work for Lincoln County. He added that this would be a desirable thing as the first year of the new organization would include a lot of work shaping how the organization would function moving forward. Having all the parties at the table for this discussion would be ideal.

There was some discussion of early talk with Lincoln County as to how the two organizations could work together.

Betty felt that the check should be returned to Lincoln County to make sure that both sides are still comfortable with the amount and are clear on what it is intended to be used for. Things had changed quickly and it would be best that everyone was on the same page.

There was some discussion over how to do this diplomatically. IT was felt that a representative of the organization should talk to the county directly to make sure that there was no misinterpretation of the action. It was decided that this was an administrative issue and did not require a vote by the committee.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Adjourn to Board of Directors meeting at 10 am

Betty moved to adjourn, Roger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.