

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 18, 2018 @ 10:00 am**

**Board of Directors Members Present:** (Chairman) Fred Pezeshkan, (Vice-Chairman) Richard Grant, Garrett Richter, Jean-Pierre Garnier, Stephen Wheeler, George Ahearn, Richard Klass, Philippe Camus, Dudley Goodlette, Marshall Goodman (President & CEO)

**Not Present:**

Jace Kentner – County Business & Economic Development Division  
Joe Paterno

**Others Present:**

Jennifer Pellechio – Chief Operating Officer  
Fred Krieger – Volunteer CPA

**Quorum Present?** Yes

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - March 23, 2018 EII Executive Committee Minutes

**A motion was made by Mr. Ahearn and seconded by Mr. Wheeler to approve the March 23, 2018 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **3. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT**

#### **a) Immokalee Status**

Dr. Goodman shared the wonderful news coverage of Culinary Connection Day. The event had great coverage such as the Naples Daily, TV stations and more. In addition, the Food Group 239 (in-kind media sponsor) created a buzz through social media. That day we helped potential participants sign up through the software portal and staff continues to work with companies to help them become active members.

Dr. Goodman explained that the Culinary Accelerator could anticipate capturing revenue in May.

Dr. Goodman explained that the plan for Immokalee always included education. The Seminole Tribe and Barron Collier are partnering with the program.

**b) Naples Status**

Dr. Goodman provided an update on the Naples Accelerator participants.

Discussion ensued.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**a) County Clerk Audit Report**

Dr. Goodman explained that staff worked diligently to provide a response to the County.

Discussion ensued.

**b) Clerk/County Reimbursement status**

Dr. Goodman explained the status of county reimbursement.

Discussion ensued regarding reimbursement status and details regarding the contract.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Update on Relationship with County/Clerk**

Discussion ensued.

**b) Future of the Organization**

Staff was asked to leave the room. The board members discussed the clerks audit report, its justifications and the status of Dr. Goodman.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget & Finance Committee - Mr. Fred Krieger**  
- Financial Results for March 2018

Mr. Krieger presented the monthly financial packet.

**A motion was made by Mr. Ahearn and seconded by Dr. Garnier to approve the April 2018 Financials. The motion passed unanimously.**

- b. Planning Committee – Mr. Dick Grant**

Mr. Grant explained committee members are researching ways to link EII to institutions of higher education.

Discussion ensued.

- c. Fundraising Committee – Mr. Stephen Wheeler**

Mr. Wheeler explained that the committee had been working closely with the Community Foundation on a possible grant for EII. The Community Foundation informed EII that due to the audit that was released and the new coverage, this was not the appropriate time to move forward.

- d. Executive Committee – Chair Mr. Fred Pezeshkan**

Mr. Pezeshkan provided an update.

## 6. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

None

## 7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Next meeting Wednesday, June 12, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

*Minutes reviewed and approved by Secretary Richard Grant.*