

**BITTER ROOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES OF January 22, 2010  
Tele Conference**

Board Present: Jean Curtiss, Jim Debree, BJ McComb, Ross Rademacher and Ed Childers.

Others: Marcy Allen

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jean Curtiss called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**PRIORITY ACTION REQUESTED:** Community Trade Adjustments Assistance Strategy

The meeting was held in reference to a draft of the strategy with a brief summary emailed to the Board by the Executive Director, Marcy Allen. The Strategy encompasses Technical Assistance to forest businesses including building on an effort underway to develop woody biomass as a sustainable source of renewable energy. Another main part of the strategy would be to continue building diversity in our community's economic base. We believe our approach will help our timber industry compete at a global level and provide our local economy more stability through diversification.

The Board of Directors were asked to review the draft strategy.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Approve the strategy as an Amendment of the CEDS.
  - a. Ed moved to approve, Jim seconded and approved unanimously.
2. Approve the Pre-application for the CTAA grant from EDA form 424.
  - a. Jim moved, BJ seconded and all approved.
3. Solicit support on the pre-application in writing.
  - a. The board agreed that all counties would support the pre-application in writing.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.