



*Business, Education, Community Partnership*  
March 10, 2014  
**Minutes**

**Welcome:** The January 2014 meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bruns. Ms. Simmons from the Barnwell County Career Center was in attendance and introduced herself to the committee.

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**Mentoring Program:** Greg Sweet, WEMS Middle School Principal was not present therefore no update was available for the WEMS Mentoring Program.

**By-Laws:** Dr. Tom Siler reported that a copy of the Williston BEC by-laws have been submitted to the SC Secretary of State office for designation as a non-profit organization.

**WEHS Career Day 2014:** Cathy Smith, W-E CDS informed the committee that the WEHS Career Day would be held on Friday, 03/14/14. She requested funds in the amount of \$100-\$150 to provide refreshments and door prizes, after discussion by the committee, due to the current issues with the financial status of the Barnwell County EDC, it was suggested that a business sponsor be sought to contribute to the cost of the of this event. Bob Bruns volunteered to cover the cost of the refreshments and prizes for this event. This discussion included the need for sponsorship opportunities to secure additional funds for the Williston BEC and to engage the business sector as well.

**Status of BEC funds:** Dr. Tom Siler and Joni McDaniel provided an update of the current financial status for BEC in relation to the Barnwell County EDC's current status. Dr. Siler indicated that a letter was submitted to Barnwell County Council requesting the funds that belong to BEC. There is a possibility for BEC funds to be recovered. Joni McDaniel provided Barnwell County Council with the last accounting sheet for Williston BEC.

**New Business:** The committee discussed the election of officers for the April meeting in accordance with the by-laws. The need for a sponsorship plan was also discussed and would be discussed at the next meeting. The next meeting was set for Monday, April 21, 2014.