

## Traver contract extended by EDC board

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June 14, 2013 — Brett C. Traver will continue his role as the economic development quarterback for Morehead and Rowan County, it was decided Wednesday.

His contract as executive director of the Morehead-Rowan County Economic Development Council, Inc. (EDC) was extended by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

“Brett received outstanding marks in his evaluation and we are pleased that his energy and professional skills will remain available to our community for the foreseeable future,” said Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, EDC board chair and president of Morehead State University.

Traver and his assistant, Sherry Watson, each will receive two percent pay raises, the same as city and county employees.

Traver has held the post since October 2011. He serves as primary staff officer for the Morehead-Rowan County Industrial Development Authority, the John Will Stacy MMRC Regional Business Park and the Morehead-Rowan County Aviation Business Park.

Andrews said the EDC board was especially pleased with Traver’s leadership in securing the \$7.2 million announced investment by American Stave Corporation that is expected to eventually produce 70 jobs.

The board chair also noted Traver’s oversight of the construction of the \$1.3 million “spec” building for a manufacturing or warehouse employer in the future.

Other highlights of Traver’s performance included his involvement in completion of the application for Rowan County’s Work-Ready Community designation and the securing of additional financial support of EDC’s operating budget.

“Thanks to Brett’s good work for the last 20 months, EDC is positioned to move forward with a new strategic plan for success in a changing national and world economy,” Andrews added.

Traver, an East Kentucky native and an MSU graduate, said of his contract extension:

“I said when I came back to Kentucky that economic development is a team sport and I’m even more convinced that we have a great team in place. I am pleased to have this opportunity to continue working and living in this community.”

Earlier, he served 10 years in the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet as a senior project manager and a year in Wisconsin as a business strategist.

