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BRUNSWICK COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting
100 Athletic Field Road
Brunswick County Conference Center
June 11, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

IDA Board Meeting Minutes

The following Board Members were present:

Ms. Gloria Menyweather-Woods, Chair, Sturgeon District
Mr. Morris Taylor, Vice-Chair, Red Oak District
Mr. Ray Thomas, Secretary / Treasurer, At-Large
Mr. Quintin Kelly, Powellton District
Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District

Also Present:

Ms. Tessie Bacon, IDA Attorney
Ms. Alfreda Jarrett-Reynolds, Economic Director, Brunswick County
Ms. Anne Williams, Town Council, Town of Lawrenceville
Ms. Sylvia Allen, Brunswick Gazette, Reporter
Mr. Erwin Moore, Citizen

The following were absent:

Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., At-Large
Mrs. Jean Moody, Meherrin District
Dr. Barbara Jarrett-Harris, Board Liaison, Brunswick County Board of Supervisors
Ms. Leslie Weddington, County Administrator, Brunswick County
Ms. Lawanda Tatum, Mayor of Lawrenceville
Mayor Don Dugger, Town of Brodnax Mayor
Ms. Robert Hayes, Mayor of Alberta

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Invocation

Mr. Ray Thomas gave the Invocation

III. Closed Session

MOTION TO CONVENE CLOSED MEETING

June 11, 2024

Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Quintin Kelly that The Industrial Development Authority of Brunswick County Virginia Board Members convene in closed meeting to discuss the following:

- i. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(a) (1), a personnel matter involving Administration
- ii. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(a) (3),
- iii. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-311(a) (4),
- iv. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-311 (a) (5),
- v. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(a) (7),
- vi. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (a) (8), a matter involving consultation with legal counsel regarding a particular matter for legal advice.

CERTIFICATION AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Ray Thomas that the Board certify that to the best of each Board member's knowledge:

- i. Only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open session requirement by Virginia law were discussed in closed session to which this certification applies, and
- ii. Only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Gloria Menyweather-Woods, Chair, Sturgeon District | Mr. Morris Taylor, Vice-Chair, Red Oak District | Mr. Ray Thomas, Secretary / Treasurer, At-Large | Mr. Quintin Kelly, Powellton District | Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District

Voting Aye: Ms. Gloria Menyweather-Woods, Chair, Sturgeon District | Mr. Morris Taylor, Vice-Chair, Red Oak District | Mr. Ray Thomas, Secretary / Treasurer, At-Large | Mr. Quintin Kelly, Powellton District | Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District

Voting Nay:

Absent During Vote: | Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., At-Large | Mrs. Jean Moody, Meherrin District

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IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Quintin Kelly, to remove New Business item ii; move Closed Session to item IV; add item VI Presentation

Upon vote of those present motion was unanimously carried.

V. Approval Of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Quintin Kelly to approve the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting May 14, 2024 & May Board Meeting Motions.

Upon vote of those present motion was unanimously carried.

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion: Dr. Ronald Thornhill motioned, seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor to approve the April 2024 Financial Statement.

Upon vote of those present motion was unanimously carried.

VII. Presentation- Mr. Ray Thomas Service Award

Mr. Ray Thomas has served on the IDA Board for 22 years. Ms. April Beaty thanked Mr. Thomas for the wealth of knowledge he has shared and many history lesson conversations. She appreciates the time spent while he served on the Board. Mr. Kelly thanked Mr. Thomas for his time and mentioned “that it is a considerate amount of time you don’t get compensated and that’s you cannot get back”.

VIII. Project Associate Directors Report

EV Charging Stations Project: The locations for the two electric vehicle charging stations have been finalized and will be situated adjacent to the grassy lot near the power pole. It has been confirmed that all installation costs will be covered by the Mid-Atlantic Electrification Partnership Grant, relieving the IDA of any financial burden for this project.

Sledge & Barkley: The Project Associate Director meet with DHCD for the IRF grant on May 15th. During this meeting, it was expressed that the timeframe for the grant funding is typically 18 months from the time of award, with extensions given if needed. Additional funding may be available due to recipients being unable to complete their projects and return funds.

Turntable Park: The closing of the future park has been completed. The Design Team from Virginia Tech met with Mr. Kelly, along with Chad Neese and Andy Wells from Southside Planning, Randy Lynch, Kim Martin, and Buck Brockwell from the Town of Lawrenceville was held to get an update on the design of Turntable Park. Funding sources are being explored and next steps are being outlined with the Project Committee members.

Brunswick County Packing Project: On May 29th the Project Associate Director was notified that the loan through the Tobacco Commission was approved for \$2M for the project.

Unfortunately, there were no bids submitted for the project, yet there were 10 companies requesting bid packets. Reasons behind no bids were as follows: a contractor was outbid by another in the initial bidding and was unable to get it under that initial bid this time, so they chose not to submit an updated bid. A couple of companies stated the timing was a concern with the workload already committed to. One out of region company sited subcontractors in the area are difficult to find, adding it is difficult to commit to our area along with the Davis and Bacon prevailing wage requirements are too costly for the travel.

The team had a meeting on June 5th on the next steps. It was determined to potentially have the project split into 2 phases, the building and groundwork, and electric and plumbing to mitigate general contractors need for the Davis Bacon regulations.

Other Business: May 20th – May 22nd the Project Associate Director thanked the Board for allowing her to attending the Invest in Rural America Conference, in Roanoke Virginia. Mrs. Nielsen mentioned, this event was very insightful, and a wealth of knowledge was shared, along with a fantastic opportunity to network with counterparts all throughout rural America.

IX. Citizens Comments

(Citizens are allotted three (3) minutes to speak)

No Citizens Commented

X. New Business

i. Project Director to attend the Brownfield Conference

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Quintin Kelly, approved the Project Associate Director attending the Brownfield Conference.

Upon vote of those present motion was unanimously carried.

XI. Old Business

i. Agreement for Economic Development Support Services

Motion: Dr. Ronld Thornhill motioned, seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor, to approve the Agreement for Economic Development Support Services.

The Chair asked for a Roll Call: Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Aye; Mr. Morris Taylor, Aye; Mr. Quintin Kelly, No; Mr. Ray Thomas, No; Mrs. Gloria Menyweather – Woods, Aye.

XII. IDA Board Comments

Mr. Ray Thomas, spoke to the Board and stated and I quote “A lot has changed in 20 years, but one thing that hadn't is the citizens perception in the IDA and what we do in as a body. We've been battling since I've been on the Board and before when my dad served on the original IDA Board. He always talked about having to go to the Board of Supervisors and beg for stamps. I remember Kevin Blackwell, Buck Brockwell, taking their own tractors on the first Brunswick Industrial site. They were doing their own work to get that site ready; we've come a long way good thing on the horizon. I appreciate the Board of Supervisors for having confidence in me for all these years, but

the biggest highlight is serving under the Chair, I appreciate your leadership and strength and guiding our board so thank you, ma'am. It's my pleasure.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Ronald Thornhill motioned, seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor that the meeting be adjourned.

Upon vote of those present the motion was unanimously carried.

The June 11, 2024, Board of Directors meeting of the Industrial Development Authority of Brunswick County was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.