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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
100 Athletic Field Road  
Brunswick County Conference Center  
March 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

**IDA Board Meeting Minutes**

**The following Board Members were present:**

Dr. Morris Taylor, Chairman, Red Oak District  
Mrs. Jean Moody, Vice-Chair, Meherrin District  
Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District  
Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., At-Large  
Mr. Floyd Moore, Sturgeon District  
Mr. Ervin Moore, At-Large

**Also Present:**

Ms. Tessie Bacon, IDA Attorney  
Ms. April Beaty, Office Manager  
Dr. Barbara Jarrett-Harris, Board Liaison, Brunswick County Board of Supervisors  
Mrs. Glenda Gilliam, Red Oak District, Brunswick County Board of Supervisors  
Ms. Leslie Weddington, County Administrator, Brunswick County  
Ms. Alfreda Jarrett-Reynolds, Economic Director, Brunswick County  
Ms. Ann Williams, Town Council, Town of Lawrenceville

**The following were absent:**

Mr. Quintin Kelly, Secretary / Treasurer, Powellton District  
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 and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Jean Moody gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Jr., motioned, seconded by Dr. Ronald Thornhill to approve the board meeting agenda.

**Upon vote of those present motion was unanimously carried.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Dr. Ronald Thornhill motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jean Moody, to approve the Rescheduled February 25, 2025, Regular Schedule Board Meeting Minutes and March 5, 2025, Special Board Meeting.

**Upon vote of those present motion was unanimously carried.**

**V. Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** Mrs. Jean Moody motioned, seconded by Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Jr., to approve the January 2025 Financial Statement and February 2025 Financial Statement

**Upon vote of those present motion was unanimously carried.**

**VI. Citizens Comments**

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

Ms. Anne Williams spoke about her concerns. She asked, first had the IDA considered turning the St. Paul's Property into a regional Sports Complex? This would mean building tennis and pickle ball courts and recondition dorms to accommodate training. Other buildings in time could be torn down and converted to accommodate game development and music venues. As the film and entertainment industry appears so lucrative it might be advantageous to think of a film lot! Secondly, Has the IDA considered attracting hydroponic or aqua-ag into the county instead of seeking environmental contaminating industries into the county? Third, North Carolina has been very successful in promoting various components of art activities into the state and has provided a great deal of money to the participants in the area. These areas include pottery, various crafts, furniture making and music crafts. Lastly, Has the IDA considered purchasing the caboose from the Town of Lawrenceville to be an integral part of the development of the turntable park?

**VII. New Business**

**i. BOS/ BOD Joint Meeting**

Dr. Morris Taylor mentioned he received an email from the County Administrator, Mrs. Leslie Weddington requesting an annual joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Motion:** Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Jr., motioned, seconded by Dr. Ronald Thornhill to have the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Brunswick County Board Room.

**Upon vote of those present motion was unanimously carried.**

ii. **EV Charging Station**

Dr. Morris Taylor mentioned that the EV Charging Stations are up and running. Dr. Taylor thanked Ms. April Beaty for putting the Press Release together and Mrs. Sylvia Allen for publishing it in the week's Brunswick Times Gazette Newspaper.

VIII. **Old Business**

i. **Executive Director position**

Dr. Morris Taylor mentioned the Board will be conducting a third interview with the final candidates for the Executive Director position.

IX. **IDA Board Comments**

Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Jr., welcomed the increase in people coming to the IDA meetings and appreciated the support.

Dr. Ronald Thornhill commented, it's good to see the community and the Board of Supervisors, Thank You.

Mr. Floyd Moore commented as the newest board member, it's all about teamwork, if we work together, a lot of things can be accomplished. We sit at home, we can complain, but we can't move in the right direction. Together we want to move this County forward; we need to work together as a team. Every person is a teammate, in my opinion, Thank You for coming to be a part of the process.

X. **Closed Session**

**MOTION TO CONVENE CLOSED MEETING**

**March 11, 2025**

Mrs. Jean Moody motioned, seconded by Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Jr., 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, consideration or interviews of candidates for employment for Executive Director.
- ii. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (a) (3), a matter involving the disposition of publicly held real property, Sledge & Barkley Building & Hotel Elle Purchase
- iii. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(a) (7), consultation with legal counsel. The pending case of 804 Builders v. The Industrial Development Authority of Brunswick County.

## CERTIFICATION AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Jean Moody that the Board certifies 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 sessions 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:** Mr. Morris Taylor, Chair, Red Oak District | Mrs. Jean Moody, Vice-Chair, Meherrin District | Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., At-Large | Mr. Ervin Moore, Jr., At-Large | Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District | Mr. Floyd Moore Jr. Sturgeon District

**Voting Aye:** Mr. Morris Taylor, Chair, Red Oak District | Mrs. Jean Moody, Vice-Chair, Meherrin District | Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., At-Large | Mr. Ervin Moore, Jr., At-Large | Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District | Mr. Floyd Moore Jr. Sturgeon District

**Voting Nay:**

**Absent During Vote:** Mr. Quintin Kelly, Powellton, District Secretary / Treasurer |

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**Motion:** Mrs. Jean Moody motioned, seconded by Dr. Ronald Thornhill, to enter into the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the County of Brunswick, Industrial Development Authority of Brunswick County, Virginia and Project Whitehouse Development, LLC and to authorize the IDA chairman to sign agreement.

**Upon vote of those present the motion was carried.**

**Motion:** Mrs. Jean Moody motioned, seconded by Mr. Floyd Moore to set a special meeting for Personnel Matters to conduct additional interviews of Executive Director candidates on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00pm.

**Upon vote of those present the motion was carried.**

**XI. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Jr. motioned, seconded by Dr. Ronald Thornhill, that the meeting be adjourned.

**Upon vote of those present the motion was carried.**

The March 11, 2025, Board of Directors meeting of the Industrial Development Authority of Brunswick County was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.