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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
100 Athletic Field Road  
Brunswick County Conference Center  
May 14, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**IDA Board Meeting Minutes**

**The following Board Members were present:**

Ms. Gloria Menyweather-Woods, Chair, Sturgeon District  
Mr. Ray Thomas, Secretary / Treasurer, At-Large  
Mr. Quintin Kelly, Powellton District  
Mrs. Jean Moody, Meherrin District  
Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District

**Also Present:**

Ms. Tessie Bacon, IDA Attorney  
Dr. Barbara Jarrett-Harris, Board Liaison, Brunswick County Board of Supervisors  
Ms. Leslie Weddington, County Administrator, Brunswick County  
Ms. Alfreda Jarrett-Reynolds, Economic Director, Brunswick County  
Ms. Anne Williams, Town Council, Town of Lawrenceville  
Ms. Sylvia Allen, Brunswick Gazette, Reporter

**The following were absent:**

Mr. Morris Taylor, Vice-Chair, Red Oak District  
Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., At-Large  
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**

Dr. Ronald Thornhill gave the Invocation

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Dr. Ronald Thornhill, motion for the Chair to remove item i. FY2024-25 Budget under New Business.

**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 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting April 9, 2024 & April Board Meeting Motions.

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

**V. Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Dr. Ronald Thornhill to approve the March 2024 Financial Statement.

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

**VI. Citizens Comments**

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

Ms. Ann Williams, stated while the purpose of the IDA is to support Community Activity, it is also to support other organizations within the community. Her concerns were the Turntable Park was intended to be a Tourist Attraction to encourage interest in history and knowledge of Railroad activity. It would seem that the Tourism Committee for the County should be fostering activities in this area.

Ms. Williams mentioned the Governor finally signed the budget and she assumed that the start date for Sledge & Barkley Phase 2 will be forthcoming.

Ms. Williams's concern for parking for new businesses and the residential activities sponsored by the IDA should be addressed with the town. The current parking lot behind the Library and Sledge & Barkley Building is a Municipal Parking lot and as such is not designed for long term parking of private residence. Ms. Williams says *"Will someone please address the plans for parking?"*

Ms. Williams stated Water & Wastewater is currently handled through the Town of Lawrenceville. She's had several conversations with both State and Federal Officials on tapping the 50 billion dollar allotment for chip manufacturing and the issue is that we only have a 5 million gallon water capacity and the funding for federal Program requires 10 million. *Is the IDA working with the Town to address this issue?*

Lastly, Ms. Williams mentioned neither Economic Development nor Industrial Development occur in a vacuum. Jurisdictions develop Comprehensive Plans to address community needs and should be forward thinking. We do not need recreation facilities but we do need a Community Center in conjunction with Southside Community College to teach Fine Arts and Wooden Toy making skills and current agriculture programs for job development.

**VII. New Business**

**ii. Taste of Brunswick Festival Sponsorship**

**Motion:** Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Dr. Thornhill, to do an half page ad.  
**Upon vote of those present motion was unanimously carried.**

**VIII. IDA Board Comments**

The Chair mentioned tonight meals are from Charr'd LLC. Dr. Thornhill, asked that the IDA Staff & Board send Dr. Jarrett a fruit basket or plant during the time of his recovery.

**IX. Closed Session**

**MOTION TO CONVENE CLOSED MEETING**

**May 14, 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), appointment or promotion of particular officers or employee
- ii. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(a) (3), a matter involving the disposition of publicly held real property.
- iii. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(a) (7), consultation with legal counsel about pending contract & agreements.
- iv. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (a) (8), a matter involving consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the body.

**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. Ray Thomas, Secretary / Treasurer, At-Large | Mr. Quintin Kelly, Powellton District | Mrs. Jean Moody, Meherrin District | Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District

**Voting Aye:** Ms. Gloria Menyweather-Woods, Chair, Sturgeon District | Mr. Ray Thomas, Secretary / Treasurer, At-Large | Mr. Quintin Kelly, Powellton District | Mrs. Jean Moody, Meherrin District | Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District

**Voting Nay:**

**Absent During Vote:** Mr. Morris Taylor, Vice-Chair, Red Oak District | Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., At-Large

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**Motion:** Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Quintin Kelly, for the IDA Attorney to move forward with any lease or contract termination for 304 New Hicks Street; Lawrenceville, Virginia.

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

**Motion:** Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Quintin Kelly, to allow 4% pay increase for April Beaty, Office Manager.

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

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Quintin Kelly that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The May 14, 2024, Board of Directors meeting of the Industrial Development Authority of Brunswick County was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.