

BRUNSWICK COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting
116 West Hicks Street – IDA Office
Lawrenceville, Virginia 23868
October 8, 2019
Meeting Time: 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. William Brown, Member, At-Large
Ms. Arnika Green, Member, Powellton District
Dr. Charlette Woolridge, County Administrator,
Ex-Officio Member
Mr. Buck Brockwell, Ex-Officio Member

Also present:

Mr. Michael Dotti, Business Director
Ms. Tessie Bacon, IDA Attorney

The following were absent:

Mr. Bill Hudson, Member, Totaro District
Mr. Will Ford, Member, Meherrin District
Mayor Curt Williams, Town of Alberta, Ex-Officio Member
Mr. Andrew Dugger, Ex-Officio Member

Other officials/guests present:

Honorable Bernard L. Jones, Red Oak District, Brunswick County
Board of Supervisors
Mr. Carthan Currin, Economic Director, Brunswick County
Mr. C. J. Dean, Manager, Town of Lawrenceville
Mr. Christopher Lloyd, McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC

I. Call to Order

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

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair asked the Business Director Mr. Mike Dotti to begin the meeting by asking everyone to join him in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

III. Approval of Agenda

The Business Director requested that the following item be added to the Agenda: Under “Item VII. Old Business” F: Dr. Ackerman Closing

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

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor, to approve the Agenda with additions as requested.

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

IV. Citizens Comments - None

V. Approval of Minutes

Regularly Scheduled Meeting – September 10, 2019

Special Meeting – September 17, 2019

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 *Regularly Scheduled meeting* and September 17, 2019 *Special Meeting* as presented.

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

VI. Consent Agenda

August 2019 Financial Report

September 2019 Checkbook Register

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. William Brown that the August 2019 Financial Report and September 2019 Checkbook Register be approved.

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

VII. New Business

A. Christopher Lloyd – McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC

Mr. Christopher Lloyd with McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC Public Affairs Solutions gave a presentation to the IDA Board on emerging economic development and site development trends. He said according to the National League of Cities the top 10 issues for 2019 were economic development, infrastructure, health and human services, budgets and management, energy and environment, housing, public safety, demographics, education and government data and technology. He also talked about trends in economic development and said workforce availability is now the number one issue for site development; projects follow workforce, not the reverse. The Business Director thanked Mr. Lloyd for his presentation to the IDA Board.

B. Job Fair

The Business Director said a two-day job fair is scheduled for October 23 and 24, 2019 at the Brunswick County Conference Center. He said representatives from the Virginia Employment Commission will be present to assist those applying for jobs at the data center that will be scheduled to open at the former Bank of America building in Lawrenceville.

C. BOS Presentation

The Business Director said he would be making a presentation on IDA accomplishments to the Board of Supervisors at their next monthly meeting.

VIII. Old Business

A. Open for Business Seminar

The IDA Business Director said a “Open for Business” seminar is scheduled for October 15, 2019 at the Brunswick County Conference Center and he encourage everyone to attend. He also said Ms. Paige Pollard with Commonwealth Preservation Group is hosting a Community Forum on historic tax credits on October 24, 2019 and invited everyone to attend.

B. Update on Grants

The Business Director said the Virginia Tobacco Commission approved the IDA’s grant request for making improvements to the former Sledge & Barkley building located in Lawrenceville.

C. Update on Paige Pollard’s Work

Ms. Paige Pollard of Commonwealth Preservation Group has completed photographing buildings in Lawrenceville for historic tax credit.

D. Update on Call Center

Previously discussed under Item VII. B. Job Fair.

E. Coffee Shop Update

No report.

F. Dr. Ackerman Closing

The IDA Attorney Ms. Tessie Bacon said she is still working on necessary documents for the Dr. Ackerman closing. She said a motion is needed by the Board giving the IDA Chair authority to sign the Acknowledgement, Authorization and Indemnification document that is needed for closing.

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor to give the IDA Chair Ms. Gloria Menyweather-Woods authority to sign the Acknowledgement, Authorization and Indemnification document needed for the Dr. Ackerman closing.
Upon vote of those present, the motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Board of Directors’ Comments - None

X. Closed Session

MOTION TO CONVENE CLOSED MEETING

October 8, 2019

Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor that this Board convene in closed meeting to discuss the following:

As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(a)(5), A prospective business or industry

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.

Motion seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Ms. Gloria Menyweather-Woods, Mr. Morris Taylor, Mr. Ray Thomas, Mr. William Brown, Ms. Arnika Green

Voting Nay: None

Absent During Vote: Mr. Bill Hudson, Mr. Will Ford

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Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor, that the IDA Board approve expenditures for one-third of the study and one-third property option at St. Paul's College property contingent upon the IDA Attorney reviewing the agreement and adding first right of refusal and any other additions the IDA attorney feels necessary to protect the interest of the Board.

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

XI. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The October 8, 2019 Board of Directors' Meeting of the Brunswick County Industrial Development Authority was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.