

BRUNSWICK COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting

100 Athletic Field Road – Brunswick County Conference Center

May 11, 2021

6:00 P.M.

IDA Board Meeting Minutes

The following Board Members were present:

Ms. Gloria Menyweather-Woods, Chair, Sturgeon District
Mr. Morris Taylor, Member, Vice-Chair, Red Oak District
Mr. Ray Thomas, Member, Secretary/Treasurer, At-Large
Mr. George Smith, Member, Totaro District
Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., Member, At-Large
Mr. Will Ford, Member, Meherrin District
Ms. Anne Williams, Ex-Officio Member, Town of Lawrenceville

Also present:

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

The following were absent:

Mayor Curt Williams, Ex-Officio Member, Town of Alberta
Mayor Don Dugger, Ex-Officio Member, Town of Brodnax
Ms. Arnika Green, Member, Powellton District
Dr. Alfonzo R. Seward, Board of Supervisors, Sturgeon District
Ms. Alfreda Jarrett Reynolds, Economic Director, Brunswick County (on behalf of
Dr. Charlette Woolridge, County Administrator Ex-Officio Member, County of
Brunswick).

I. Call to Order

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

II. Invocation

The Chair began the meeting with the Invocation.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. George Smith to approve the Agenda.

Upon vote of those present the motion was unanimously carried.

IV. Citizens Comments

None

V. Approval of Minutes

Regularly Scheduled Meeting – April 13, 2021

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. George Smith to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 regularly Scheduled Board meeting.

Upon vote of those present the motion was unanimously carried.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Cash Register April 2021

B. Checkbook Register April 2021

C. Distribution of Final Audit Report Yr. Ending 2020

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Will Ford to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon vote of those present the motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Melissa Boucher passed out the Final Audit Report to each of the Board Members. She said to the Board Members that the Auditor found no issues or discrepancies.

The Business Director thanked Ms. Boucher for her organization on the success of the Audit going so smoothly.

VII. New Business

A. Repairs to 121 Hicks Street

The Business Director told the Board that the motor is broken on the heater at 121 Hicks Street and has been ordered for repair.

VIII. Old Business

A. St. Paul's Timber Sale

The Business Director said the Timber Sale Notice has been sent out.

B. IDA North Water System

The Business Director said that the water system is continually being monitored. Steps have been taken to flush the water system. The Business Director is meeting with Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia Department of Health, and IDA Engineer to make sure everything is monitored as it should be.

C. Closing on 139 Hicks Street

The Business Director said that the closing is completed on 139 Hicks St. The previous owner asked for a couple of weeks to remove all the materials stored in the building and that was allowed.

IX. Directors Report

Good Evening. I would like to thank the IDA Board and staff for your support during the recent passing of my sister your prayers were felt by my family.

On Saturday, Holistic Safe Space opened on Main Street. We welcome Mahatara to our community of new businesses

On May 30th Pop's will have their Grand Opening. Details to follow.

As is the case throughout our region, business continue to have a very hard time filling open positions. Please be patient when visiting our County Businesses. They are doing the best that they can during a very difficult time in our jobs market.

We continue to work with Lawrenceville to find new ways to improve the community. Mayor Scott Martin and Town Manager Everette Gibson continue to be a huge help and easy to work with.

Alfreda and I have met with Dominion Power and Birds Eye Solar to gather information on the positive benefits of Solar Energy to Brunswick County. They addressed some of our concerns and questions and they did a complete job of answering them. There is a zoning meeting going on right now just next door on that topic.

We continue to explore numerous economic development project.

The St Paul's task force continues to meet to explore methods to best enhance and support this important place in our community. We had a very good meeting with Delegate Tyler. She was open and supportive of our efforts.

Our lamppost in the back lot was damaged. We have filed the incident with insurance and are working with the Town of Lawrenceville to handle maintenance.

Melissa is now serving on the Taste of Brunswick committee and has changed hats from SPQ to BSQ.

X. Committee Reports

Mr. Will Ford said that the Timber Sale will be May 21st at 11:00am.

XI. IDA Board of Directors Comments

The IDA Chair read the letter from Gasburg Volunteer Fire Department as follows:

**GASBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT & EMS
PO BOX 225
GASBURG, VA 23857
434-577-2561**

May 4, 2021

Brunswick County
Industrial Development Authority
P.O. Box 48
Lawrenceville, VA 23868

Thank you so much for the donation of \$500.00. It is organizations and people like you that keep our department going. We appreciate this donation and will use it for all the high cost expenses to keep our trucks and equipment running. Keep this receipt for your records.

Respectfully,

GVPD

Mr. Ray Thomas commended the IDA Chair of a job well done at the Holistic Safe Space Grand Opening.

XII. Closed Session

MOTION TO CONVENE CLOSED MEETING

May 11, 2021

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

As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (a)(3), a matter involving the disposition of publicly held real property.

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

CERTIFICATION AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Ray Thomas and seconded by Mr. Will Ford 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:

Voting Aye: Ms. Gloria Menyweather-Woods, Mr. Will Ford, Mr. Ray Thomas, Mr. Morris Taylor, Mr. George Smith, Dr. Arthur Jarrett.

Voting Nay: None

Absent During Vote: Ms. Arnika Green

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Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Dr. Arthur Jarrett to approve the sale of +/- 85 acres to a developer on the condition of the sale that the buyer release of other property owned by the IDA contingent upon Mr. Will Ford assessing the land value and Mr. Mike Dotti negotiating the sale price.

Upon vote of those present the motion was unanimously carried.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Ray Thomas moved, seconded by Dr. Arthur Jarrett that the meeting be adjourned.
Upon vote of those present the motion was unanimously carried.

The May 11, 2021 Board of Directors meeting of the Brunswick County Industrial Development Authority was adjourned at 6:45.m.