

## Directors Report

The IDA office is busy. . I wish to thanks Laverne and Melissa for their long hours and dedicated work. We are excited that we have projects underway in all three of the IDA parks. The Roanoke River Industrial Park in Lacrosse has the building permits and all DEQ permits have been issued. This is the Industrial park shared with the Mecklenburg County IDA. Construction is underway.

**Vegetable Packaging Facility at the I85 Park** Issuance of Construction General Permit (VAR10). I want to thank Beth Crowder with Alberta Zoning for her work, which determined that the current zoning of C-2 meets the requirements of the project. The finance manager and I have meet with First Citizens bank and our accountant to get the paperwork together for the possible loan. We are still very optimistic about the grants.

At the **Brunswick Industrial Park**, the Frito lay project is close to completion. Brunswick County resident Mark Clary and his crew have done an excellent job.

## **Water**

I serve on Lawrenceville's Business Advisory Board, the first meeting held on January 26, 2022 at Elm Acres. Lawrenceville did an excellent job of presenting the materials. Food Lion, Virginia-Carolina Timber Products were there along with Alfreda Reynolds. There was an excellent over view of the water systems. You received the presentation tonight. It was a very good meeting.

Lawrenceville, Alberta and I continue to meet to seek opportunities to maintain and improve the County's Water systems. We are very close to starting the next steps towards correcting the issues with chlorination residuals. Based on the results of the test performed on December 14, 2021 the waterworks complies with the THHM and HAA5 operational levels. We are also in compliance with the 4-month running average. We are all working together to make sure, there are adequate water and wastewater capacity for the Counties growth

## **Southern States**

I am part of a DEQ task force that is looking for sites to help develop. The sites must require environmental cleanup to qualify. There were 23 sites originally placed in contention. Eventually six sites were chosen. Of these sites thanks to the hard work of Everett Gibson, Alfreda Reynolds and myself, three of the sites selected are in Brunswick County. Including the ex-rail yard adjacent to the Southern States Building. Our first goal is to get site studies and a renovation plan developed for the area surrounding the Southern States. On April 12, 2022 Brunswick County. Lawrenceville and the IDA will be hosting the committee as they tour sites in Brunswick County. We are encouraged that they choose us as the first site to visit. I am also looking into an additional grant that could cover most of the costs associated with this development. We are looking to provide better access to the Tobacco Heritage Trail, create outdoor recreation opportunities. The Town of Lawrenceville will take the lead on the park project. The Brunswick County Economic Director and the IDA will help to seek funding and provide logistical support. We are in the process of applying for study grants and planning grants as well. Dewberry Engineering and Commonwealth Preservation Group are working to get us pricing.

If all goes well we will be applying for in excess of 1,500,000.00 in grant funds to move this project forward. The Southern States Project marketing committee is currently working with two prospects. One

of the prospects and I met multiple times a week in the evening to get the business plan together. This project continues to hold front row status in our collaboration efforts with Lawrenceville and the County. We will be presenting the plan to the Lawrenceville Town Council as part of the 2021 IDA recap.

The **Lawrenceville Revitalizations Stakeholders Group** met on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 to discuss ongoing projects with the St. Paul's 4 Life group. Included in the meeting were County, SPDC, Go Virginia, Lawrenceville, Mid Atlantic Broadband, Longwood University, Harvard law School and SPC4L. We discussed the projects we could share. The goal was to make sure that we are working together when possible and to eliminate duplication of efforts. As quick examples, we discussed the Farmers Market and the Resurgence Entrepreneurial Project we are working on. SPC4L was glad to get the information and we all agreed to keep communication lines open. We are excited at what can be accomplished working together.

**Prospects** I am waiting on Business plans and details from six prospects. I continue to meet with between 5-8 prospects a month. The first step is a business plan, which I can help with and I will certainly analyze. I encourage anyone thinking of opening a business or has an idea for a business to schedule an appointment. I can meet outside of normal business hours.

**Project Time Lines.** I have reviewed the minute's files going back to 2017. I am creating timelines for all projects. The first ones will be current project time lines. I will have the first timelines ready for the March Meeting

**Committee** The Board committees have started meeting. We will meet monthly or as required by projects. The committees will try to meet prior to the Board Meeting Thank you to all board members for your countless hours given to the citizens of this county.

**Southern Corrosion** Meherrin River Regional Jail water tank will be pressure washed in the next 30 days. Lawrenceville will coordinate with those affected. Melissa has requested copies of all prior inspection reports.