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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
116 W. Hicks Street  
Brunswick County IDA Office Conference Room  
February 5, 2024 at 3:30 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  
Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., 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. Sylvia Allen, Brunswick Gazette, Reporter

**The following were absent:**

Ms. Anne Williams, Town Council, Town of Lawrenceville  
Ms. Lawanda Tatum, Mayor of Lawrenceville  
Mayor Don Dugger, Town of Brodnax Mayor  
Ms. Robert Hayes, Mayor of Alberta  
Ms. Beverly Ambs, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce

**I. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**II. Invocation**

Dr. Ronald Thornhill gave the Invocation

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Mr. Quintin Kelly motioned, seconded by Dr. Ronald Thornhill to approve the Agenda  
**Upon vote of those present motion was unanimously carried.**

#### IV. Old Business

##### i. Old Dominion Organic Packaging Plant

Jordan Brandon informed to the Board this particular project, he's been working on for three years, he has been farming and growing produce in Brunswick County for seven years. Mr. Brandon started out with tobacco farming and since the number of smokers started decreasing the business was shrinking. He decided to take on organic produce, whereas that was in demand. Mr. Brandon stated he wanted to get into the produce business and it seemed like organic was the easy way to get in as far as selling and at the time there wasn't a whole lot of competition. He put up a packing plant on his farm big enough for him, but when he started bringing other farmer into it, there was not enough capacity to get the produce through the facility. In conversation with his current buyers Parker Farms and Hollar & Greene.

Mr. Brandon stated the reason for this facility is because with the number of farmers he is currently partnered with, he doesn't have to capacity to hold all the produce from seven different farmers. The farmers do not have a nearby facility to bring the produce in, to make sure it packed at a commercial standard. The farmers need a centralized facility to bring their produce in, pack, sort and ship. Basically farmers need a centralized facility with storage and cooling to able to sell what the farmers in the area can grow properly.

Mr. Brandon mentioned to the Board, as far as funding, the project is about \$2 Million to finish the building. He is working with Mrs. Ann Taylor Wright to secure a loan through the Tobacco Commission as well has the IDA with a low interest loan. The partnership of farmers will be paying monthly with interest for the lease on the building being built by the IDA until the loan is satisfied. This project has received \$1 Million from Tobacco Commissions, \$435K from VDACS and \$2 Million from EDA in grants. The farmers are going to put \$5.2 Million in equipment.

**Motion:** Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Jr motioned, seconded by Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Jr. to approve an additional \$32,000 for Dewberry to continue the Architect & Engineering work at the I-85 Industrial Business Park.

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

#### V. Closed Session

##### **MOTION TO CONVENE CLOSED MEETING**

**February 5, 2024**

Mr. Ray Thomas motioned, seconded by Mr. Morris Taylor 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, Administrative Staff.
- ii. As permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(a) (7), consultation with legal counsel.

##### **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. Morris Taylor, Vice-Chair, Red Oak District

Mr. Ray Thomas, Secretary / Treasurer, At-Large | Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., At-Large | Mr. Quintin Kelly, Powellton District | Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District

**Voting Aye:** Ms. Gloria Menyweather-Woods, Chair, Sturgeon District | Mr. Morris Taylor, Vice-Chair, Red Oak District | Mr. Ray Thomas, Secretary / Treasurer, At-Large | Dr. Arthur Jarrett Jr., At-Large | Mr. Quintin Kelly, Powellton District | Dr. Ronald Thornhill, Totaro District

**Voting Nay:**

**Absent During Vote:** Mrs. Jean Moody, Meherrin District

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## VI. Adjournment

**Motion:** Mrs. Gloria Menyweather-Woods motioned, seconded by Mr. Quintin Kelly that the meeting be adjourned. **Upon vote of those present the motion was unanimously carried.**

The February 5, 2024, Board of Directors meeting of the Industrial Development Authority of Brunswick County was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.