

OCONEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Oconee County Chamber of Commerce Office
January 14, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Waller, Chairman
Courtney Bernardi, Secretary / President, Oconee Chamber of Commerce
Dave Shearon, Mayor, City of Watkinsville
Janet Jones, Bogart Representative
Chad Hargrove
Don Phillips

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Wayne Bagley
Matt Elder
Linda Carol Porterfield
John Daniell, Vice Chairman / Chairman, Oconee County Board of Commissioners
Brock Toole, Oconee County Board of Education

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sarah Bell

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairman Rick Waller.

Approval of Agenda:

On motion by Dave Shearon and second by Don Phillips, a motion was made to move the Chairman's report to the first item on the agenda and the change and agenda was unanimously approved by the Authority.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion by Dave Shearon and second by Courtney Bernardi, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes from the November 12, 2018 minutes.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Rick Waller reported that the Authority had been presented with a resolution from Authority attorney, Daniel Haygood. Mr. Waller shared that the resolution "Resolution of the Oconee County Industrial Development Authority Approving the Policy with Respect to Tax Exempt Debt and Related Matters" is required in order to stay compliant with the IRS. The resolution states that Wes Geddings will remain the compliance officer for the Authority. On motion by Dave Shearon and second by Don Phillips, the Authority unanimously approved the resolution.

Chairman Waller then shared that he will follow up on the sewer line easement discussion regarding Gateway West and should have a report by the February Authority meeting. He also shared that he would like the Authority Gateway East subcommittee to meet to discuss forward progress.

A mention was made by Chairman Waller that Ed Perkins is no longer on the Authority, but we welcome Mr. Chad Hargrove.

Financial Report:

There was no financial report due to the absence of Wes Geddings. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Member Reports:

- Courtney Bernardi – No report.
- Chad Hargrove – No report.
- Don Phillips – IMI is working with a potential prospect that manufacturers large battery packs. These battery packs can store solar energy. Don meets with the group on Friday and hopes that they will locate their operation in the available space in his current building.

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- Dave Shearon –The Watkinsville Public Safety Advisory Committee, tasked to look at police department structure for the City of Watkinsville, has met. They sent a survey out to all residents and business owners in the City of Watkinsville. The survey is a tool to help gather feedback and insight on how to move forward with police strategy. The committee will also host a series of public meetings hoping to gather even more feedback. The first meeting will take place at Watkinsville City Hall on January 17th at 5:00pm. Dave also shared that the City of Watkinsville is considering hosting a 4th of July Parade in downtown Watkinsville.

Citizen Comments:

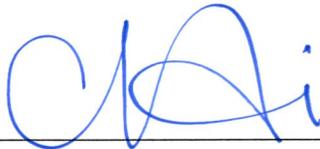
Sarah Bell asked for an update on the entryway signs into the County. She offered her assistance with the project. Chairman Waller shared that no progress has been made, but he is happy to look into what needs to/can be done to move forward. He mentioned that he would update Courtney Bernardi on the history of the project and that she could potentially assist going forward.

Executive Session: No Executive Session was needed.

Schedule Authority Meeting Date:

Chairman Rick Waller stated that the next Authority meeting would be held on February 11, 2019.

There being no further business, on motion by Chad Hargrove and second by Don Phillips, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.



Courtney Bernardi, Secretary
Oconee County Industrial Development Authority

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Date