

OCONEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Oconee County Chamber of Commerce Office  
June 10, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rick Waller, Chairman  
John Daniell, Vice Chairman / Chairman, Oconee County Board of Commissioners  
Brock Toole, Oconee County Board of Education  
Courtney Bernardi, Secretary / President, Oconee Chamber of Commerce  
Matt Elder  
Linda Carol Porterfield

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dave Shearon, Mayor, City of Watkinsville  
Janet Jones, Bogart Representative  
Don Phillips  
Wayne Bagley  
Chad Hargrove

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Waller.

**Approval of Agenda:**

On motion by John Daniell and second by Brock Toole, the Authority approved the agenda as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:**

On motion by John Daniell and second by Brock Toole, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes from the May 13, 2019 Authority Meeting.

**Financial Report:**

Finance Director Wes Geddings handed out the monthly Finance Report dated June 10, 2019. On motion by Brock Toole and second by Courtney Bernardi, the Authority unanimously approved the Financial Report dated June 10, 2019.

Mr. Geddings presented the final proposed FY20 Budget after adjustments suggested at the previous OCIDA meeting. On motion by Brock Toole and second by Linda Carol Porterfield, the Authority unanimously approved the FY20 Budget.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Rick Waller discussed the mowing of the Gateway property. He recommended that the County mow as many areas as possible and then a contractor will mow the balance of the acreage. On motion by Brock Toole and second by Courtney Bernardi, the Authority unanimously approved the mowing of the Gateway property by the County Road Department and an outside contractor. John Daniell stated that the Authority voted on this item at its last meeting.

**Member Reports:**

- John Daniell reported on the Mars Hill Road Beautification Project stating that an inspection of the trees showed the trees had survived the recent hot weather, with the exception of five to seven dogwood trees. Also, Mr. Daniell reported that an action plan for Economic Development is forthcoming from the Chamber in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Chamber.
- Brock Toole – None.
- Courtney Bernardi – None.
- Matt Elder – None.
- Linda Carol Porterfield stated that the recently approved development at the corner of Highway 78 and Mars Hill Road should be a boost to the County. There continues to be a shortage of housing under the \$350,000 price range.

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**Citizen Comments:**

Michael Prochaska, The Oconee Enterprise, stated that the Southwire property is for sale and asked John Daniell if he would comment regarding the County's interest in the property for an administrative building. Mr. Daniell gave no comment.

**Exec Session:**

On motion by Brock Toole and second by Courtney Bernardi, the Authority voted unanimously to adjourn into Executive Session at 4:19 p.m. to discuss land acquisition/disposition. Authority Member Matt Elder recused himself from the meeting.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

On motion by Brock Toole and second by John Daniell, the Authority adjourned Executive Session at 4:46 p.m. On motion by John Daniell and second by Linda Carol Porterfield, the Authority adjourned back into Regular Session.

**Schedule Authority Meeting Date:**

Chairman Rick Waller stated that the next Authority meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2019. During the months of July and August, the Authority does typically meet. Chairman Waller will notify the members if a meeting is needed on July 8, 2019.

There being no further business, on motion by Linda Carol Porterfield and second by Matt Elder, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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Courtney Bernardi, Secretary  
Oconee County Industrial Development Authority

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Date

Submitted by: Kathy Hayes