

COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the IDA Board of Directors meeting held at Lake Shore Hospital Authority. The meeting was held on January 6, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. and Chair Donna Brown was presiding. A quorum was present.

Directors present: Donna Brown, Suzanne Norris, Carlton Jones, Jeff Simmons, Gus Rentz. Jeff Simmons joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Directors absent: Mike Millikin, Marc Vann

Staff present: Jim Poole, Gina Reynolds

Visitors present: Tony Britt, Lake City Reporter
Leanne Tyo, Lake City Reporter
Connie Rollberg, Chamber of Commerce liaison
Stew Lilker
Craig Womer

Public comment: Notice was read into the record by Chair, Donna Brown. “The Columbia County IDA will hear any citizen who wishes to address the Board, on a one time basis, pertaining to a relevant topic. If the Board wishes to hear more about the topic, that topic will be scheduled for a future Board meeting. Each speaker is limited to three minutes and the time dedicated to this topic will not exceed twenty minutes.”

Mr. Stew Lilker addressed the IDA Board. He presented the Board with a document he referred to as a transcript of the January 5, 2010 Columbia County Board of County Commissioners meeting. (Document is attached) Mr. Lilker commented on a letter sent to the IDA Board from Commissioner Dupree requesting attendance by a member of the IDA at the County Utility meetings. Mr. Lilker suggested the IDA should pay rent to use the Lake Shore Hospital Authority facility.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Suzanne Norris **Second** by Carlton Jones to accept the minutes of the IDA Board meeting held on December 2, 2009. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Acceptance of financial report: Motion by Suzanne Norris **Second** by Gus Rentz to accept the financials for the months ending November 2009 and December 2009 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Executive Director’s Report: Jim Poole

- Received an email from Craig Womer about IDA website. The website will be developed once marketing plan is complete.
- Marketing plan is being presented to the Columbia County BOCC on February 11, 2010.
- Cherokee Brick – Site has been surveyed and debris is being cleared.
- Provided information to four companies/consultants for possible location.
- Received a letter from Commissioner Dupree requesting attendance of the IDA at the next County utility meeting to address findings in the economic development plan for Columbia County.
- Accompanied TDC group to Salisbury, NC to see Cooperstown Park, a little league program.

Old Business:

- Policies and Procedures – Suzanne Norris reviewed policies and procedures and should have ready to present to the Board soon.
- BOCC/IDA Workshop – Scheduled for February 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Shore Hospital Authority.
- Rudder Team – Suzanne Norris explained how the Florida Chamber Foundation’s Project 2030, presented by Frank Ryll in December, directly correlates with the Go-To-Market Plan. The plan also addresses the six drivers mentioned in the 2030 Project. IDA Board Vice-Chair Suzanne Norris attends weekly conference call with Fairfield Index, Jim Poole and Gina Reynolds.

New Business:

- The County Commission approved Carlton Jones and Jeff Simmons to serve another 4 year term on the IDA Board. Terms begin on January 19th.
- **Motion** by Carlton Jones **Second** by Jeff Simmons to approve Jim Poole and Gina Reynolds to attend the Enterprise Florida Meeting on January 26th and 27th in Tallahassee. Approve to attend on the 28th if Plum Creek makes a presentation to the Enterprise Florida Board on the 28th. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- Letter from Commissioner Dupree about County Utilities – Chair Donna Brown appointed Jeff Simmons to serve as the IDA Board liaison to the County Utility Committee. (Letter attached)
- Once the Go-To-Market plan is complete, committees will evolve.
- Jeff Simmons requested an update to the IDA By-laws.

Next Meeting – 8:30 a.m., February 3, 2010. Location: Lake Shore Hospital Authority

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Gina Reynolds, Secretary

