

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 May 5, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. and Chair Suzanne Norris was presiding. A quorum was present.

Directors present: Suzanne Norris, Donna Brown, Gus Rentz and Marc Vann

Directors absent: Dr. Charles Hall, Jeff Simmons, Carlton Jones

Staff present: Jim Poole, Gina Reynolds

Visitors present: Elaine Puri, Employ Florida Banner Center for Logistics and Distribution
Stew Lilker
Craig Womer

Public comment: Notice was read into the record by Vice 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.”

No public comment was made.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Donna Brown **Second** by Gus Rentz to accept the minutes of the IDA Board meeting held on April 7, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Acceptance of financial report: The IDA Board accepted the financials as presented for the month ending March 2010.

Presentation: Elaine Puri made a presentation about the Employ Florida Banner Center for Logistics and Distribution. The Banner Center is located at Lake City Community College, serves the entire state of Florida and is charged with developing a pipeline of talent in the logistics and distribution industry.

Executive Director’s Report: Jim Poole

- Several local companies serve on the Banner Center Advisory Council.
- Rep. Debbie Boyd and Senator Charlie Dean championed the Enterprise Zone bill. The bill passed the House and Senate. Now at Governor’s office waiting for signature.
- Enterprise Florida’s Rural Issues Working Group (RIWG) is updating their strategic plan. Jim Poole, serving as Chair of the RIWG, along with Bridget Merrill of Enterprise Florida, and Karl Blischke of the Governor’s Office (OTTED) are traveling to the three (3) Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern for input.
- Submitting a transportation grant for a road project for Columbia Technology, Inc.
- Met with federal legislators in Washington D.C. They were already aware of local issues due to the working relationship we have with their local representatives.

Deputy Director’s Report: Gina Reynolds

- Attended a luncheon where former Mayor of St. Pete Beach spoke about Amendment 4, also known as Hometown Democracy. Started in St. Pete Beach by a local Political Action Committee (PAC). State mandates also required for vote.
- Florida Trend Magazine agreed to move us to the NE Region in their publication.
- Participated in 2060 Florida Transportation Plan Economic Competitiveness and Mobility Advisory Committee as Jim’s alternate.
- Participated in the rural catalyst site update conference call along with other RACEC catalyst site representatives, Enterprise Florida and the Governor’s Office (OTTED).
- Previously facilitated meetings between LCCC’s Engineering and Process Technology Program and several local businesses. Program is proceeding and recently participated in a meeting with the same group to

develop curriculum. This program is important because it provides a training source for one of our target industries, manufacturing.

- Working with Employ Florida Banner Center for Logistics and Distribution to put together a focus group comprised of businesses in the supply chain industry. The purpose of the focus group is to develop curriculum for industry certification.
- Serving on Florida Chamber Foundation Freight Analysis Committee. Held focus group with Consultant facilitating study and logistics and distribution businesses to discuss future plans, opportunities and impediments that may prevent business from expanding in the domestic and international markets. Input from businesses will be included in analysis. The final analysis report will be provided to the 2060 Florida Transportation Plan Steering Committee.
- Participated in Florida Chamber International Business Committee and International Days.
- Upcoming FACP Board meeting in Orlando. Also meeting with Florida Chamber President, Mark Wilson, prior to board meeting.

Committee Updates:

Utility: IDA will support County's initiative for utilities. Utilities will impact IDA plans.

Rudder Team: Inviting Suwannee River Water Management to attend. Tyson Johnson agreed to chair the Rudder Team. Discussed the need for a regional utility and the City and County working together.

Prioritized areas for development as:

1. Inland Port/Integrated Logistics Center
2. 41/441 – I-10 location
3. Ellisville

Old Business:

- Letter to Board of County Commissioners supporting utility initiative.
- Signed Amendment 4 resolution
- Update on IDA Attorney
- Legislation could change legal responsibility of municipalities for TIF (Tax Incremental Financing).
- International ventures need to be considered when developing budget for next year.

New Business:

- None to report

Other Discussion:

- None to report

Topics for future meetings:

- International Business

Next Meeting – 8:30 a.m., June 2, 2010. Location: Lake Shore Hospital Authority

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Gina Reynolds, Deputy Director/Secretary