

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 June 2, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. and Chair Suzanne Norris was presiding. A quorum was present.

Directors present: Suzanne Norris, Dr. Charles Hall, Carlton Jones and Marc Vann. Jeff Simmons arrived at 9:10.

Directors absent: Donna Brown, Gus Rentz

Staff present: Jim Poole, Gina Reynolds

Visitors present: Peggy Johns, USDA Rural Development
Marty Sanders, USDA Rural Development
Chuck Oden, St. Leo University
Stew Lilker

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.”

Mr. Stew Lilker addressed the IDA Board and disbursed a copy of a map. Mr. Lilker asked why the Lake City Airport was not included on map in Florida Trend Magazine, article called “Freight State,” published March 2010. Mr. Poole responded that as of June 2, 2010, the Lake City Airport does not move cargo and people and would not meet the qualifications to be included in the map. Chair Norris explained the IDA has requested the City of Lake City incorporate economic development priorities into the airport plan.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Dr. Charles Hall **Second** by Carlton Jones to accept the minutes of the IDA Board meeting held on May 5, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Presentation: Peggy Johns, Area Director USDA, Rural Development presented a power point presentation about Water and Wastewater Project Financing. Ms. Johns also explained some of the rural development loans, grants and technical assistance available through USDA.

Chair Suzanne Norris reminded the IDA Board that information from staff reports were included in the presentation made during the joint meeting with the County, City, School Board, Chamber and IDA on Thursday, therefore staff reports provided during the current meeting would be condensed.

Executive Director’s Report: Jim Poole

- Submitted Ellisville and Ft. White communities for inclusion in the desert grocery store grant.
- Working with Enterprise Florida International Office to provide leads for local companies interested in international trade.
- Met with perspective client of CTI. Scheduling a meeting with Congresswoman Corrine Brown, Congressman Crenshaw to discuss transportation opportunities.
- Economic Gardening- Business revenues less than \$1 million and less than 10 employees. Total of \$50,000 revolving loan. Guidelines to be completed.
- Attending 2060 Florida Transportation Plan Economic Development Competitiveness and Mobility Advisory meetings in June and July.
- Met with JAXPORT. Asking County Commission to approve, by resolution, a letter authorizing a letter of concurrence on behalf of Columbia County to be submitted with an application for a JAXPORT foreign trade zone.

Deputy Director's Report: Gina Reynolds

- Attending Trade Flow Analysis meeting in Tallahassee on June 14.
- Working with Institute of Government to develop website. According to County policy, section 302.2.4.6, by contracting with another governmental unit, the website development would be an exception to the sealed bid requirement.

Committee Updates:

Utility: No updates reported.

Rudder Team: During last meeting, Rudder Team requested someone attend that could answer questions relevant to land use changes from Dept of Community Affairs and the Amendment 4 issue.

Old Business:

- Will address attorney services in upcoming budget.

New Business:

- **Motion** by Dr. Charles Hall **Second** by Jeff Simmons to authorize Jim Poole, Suzanne Norris, Ron Williams and Gina Reynolds to travel to Washington D.C. to meet with Congresswoman Corrine Brown and Congressman Ander Crenshaw to discuss transportation project. **Motion approved unanimously.** Date will be confirmed once all parties confirm.

Other Discussion:

- Progress with Forest Service relative to catalyst site.
- JAXPORT plans for development.
- Shands entered into an agreement with Health Management Associates.

Topics for future meetings:

- International Business
- Department of Community Affairs
- Amendment 4

Next Meeting – 8:30 a.m., July 7, 2010. Location: Lake Shore Hospital Authority

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

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