***Laurens County Development Corporation***

Board Meeting - **Minutes**

Tuesday – May 21, 2013

Attendees:

Jim Coleman, Collie Lehn, Tom Hardy, Ernie Segars, Frank Stovall, Mayor John Carter, Jeff Field, Randy Garrett, Rich D’Alberto, Gregg Cohn and Jennifer Wilbanks (PTC).

Guests:

John Young (CPW), Randy Lis (PRTC) and Stephen Taylor (CEDC)

Staff:

Marvin Moss, Theresa Gille, Jon Coleman, Benita Madden and Sandy Cruickshanks.

Press:

Corey Engle (Advertiser), Rachel Ham (GoLaurens) and Vic McDonald (Clinton Chronicle).

Chairman Coleman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and gave the invocation.

*Minutes and Financials*

Chairman Coleman asked the Board for a motion to approve the meeting’s agenda. Randy Garrett made the motion to approve and Mayor Carter seconded the motion.

Chairman Coleman then asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2013 meeting. Tom Hardy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Frank Stovall seconded the motion. With no other discussion, the agenda and minutes were approved without opposition.

Theresa Gille provided a recap of expenses for March and April 2013. With no questions or comments, the financials were accepted as information only.

Ms. Gille also provided an update of 2013 investors:

2013 YTD Investments

* Received $14,175, paid $525 to LCCC for dual memberships, net $13,650.

*Workforce Development – Theresa Gille:*

The Workforce Development Committee hosted a Workforce Summit on May 15, 2013 at the Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM). Attendees consisted of industries, education and board members. A panel held discussions and answered questions. Laurens County is second in the state in the Work Ready Communities statewide program.

*Existing Industry/Retail Update – Jon Coleman:*

* Jostens is moving production to Mexico which resulted in a layoff of 63 positions. In the process of setting up resources to help affected employees.
* Attended Silver Cresent luncheon. Aaron Industries was a finalist for the medium size industry category.
* Golf tournament was a big success and LCDC will do it again next year.
* Upper Savannah held a spring job fair.
* Attended SCEDA meeting the first week of May.
* PTC CAM received a $1M grant from Zeiss for machine and software. Also working on starting Phase II.

*Economic Development - Marvin Moss:*

* 29 RFIs and 15 site visits YTD. 35 RFIs and 14 site visits in 2012.
* Attended marketing trip in Detroit. Met with two existing industries, ZF and Faurecia. Also had six other appointments, including two previous projects.
* Attend SEDC in Atlanta and met with consultants.
* Attended SCEDA conference and OESA.
* Copeland Stone site was mentioned in the 10 Rail serve sites that deserve a second look in Southern Business magazine.
* Footers and foundation are going in on the Uniscite building.

*Laurens First*

John Young provided the update:

* Laurens First held their planning meeting.

*CEDC Update*

Stephen Taylor provided the update:

* Annual meeting scheduled for May 23, 2013.
* City has reached an agreement to build more housing for pharmacy school.
* Working with a developer on an undisclosed retail project.
* Former Parthenon restaurant is reopening.
* SC Free Clinic Association’s state office will locate at the pharmacy school off of N. Broad Street.
* Closer to completing the Frontage Road widening project.

*Financial Committee Update – Randy Garrett:*

LCDC needs to revise master plan of Owings Industrial Park due to the acquisition of 7.63 acres for the spec building and the holding of 50 acres for Project Circle. URS has quoted $6,500 to revise the master plan and the infrastructure plan for Phase II. LCDC requests the funds come from the interest in the Project Account at Arthur State Bank to pay for the new master plan.

The cost of the additional land purchase at the spec building site in Owings Industrial Park is over by $1,400 of the amount approved by the Board. The reason is because Hollingsworth insisted that LCDC purchase to the centerline of the 500 KV power line instead of the right of way, which added 0.6 more acres.

The Finance Committee met Monday, May 20th at 10 am and reviewed all accounts and approved the above requests.

*Strategic Plan Update – Jon Coleman:*

* Carol Johnson from Continuous Dialogue will facilitate a planning session on June 27, 2013, from 9am to 1pm.
* Received $5,000 grant towards strategic plan costs from SC Power Team and contributions from LCWSC, LCPW, PTC and PRTC.

*Spec Building Update – Marvin Moss:*

Ard, Wood, Holcombe and Slate Architects and LCDC selected Sherman Construction to build the speculative building in Owings Industrial Park. August 2013 is the anticipated completion date.

*Other Business*

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Gille