***Laurens County Development Corporation***

Board Meeting - **Minutes**

Tuesday – July 16, 2013

Attendees:

Rusty Denning (PTC), Stan Bryson, Roger Case, Jim Coleman, Jeff Field, Randy Garrett, Tom Hardy, Frank Stovall, Mayor Sharon Brownlee, Greg Alexander, Ernie Segars and Steve West.

Guests:

Toni McKinley and Stephen Taylor (CEDC)

Staff:

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

Press:

Corey Engle (Advertiser), Rachel Ham (GoLaurens) and Emil Finley (WLBG).

Chairman Coleman called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

*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 Stan Bryson seconded the motion.

*Strategic Plan Overview – Jon Coleman:*

The strategic action plan was presented to the Board and key points were outlined. Questions were asked and answered. Marvin Moss thanked CPW, LCWSC, PRTC, PTC & SC Power Team for their financial support of the strategic plan.

Key points:

1. Build additional speculative buildings in multiple areas.
2. Invest in existing industrial park assets by upgrading a park by one class rating.
3. Support new five part education and workforce development initiatives.
4. Develop and facilitate opportunities for existing industry leadership to share perspective with one another, subject matter experts and county leadership through focused, interactive forums.
5. Seek additional funding for LCDC.

Ernie Segars motioned to approve the strategic plan and Frank Stovall seconded the motion. The plan was approved unanimously by the Board.

Chairman Coleman asked the Board to stand and gave the innovation before dispersing to get lunch.

Chairman Coleman then asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2013 meeting. Randy Garrett made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Jeff Field seconded the motion. With no other discussion, the agenda and minutes were approved without opposition.

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

*Overview of 2012 Audit – Toni McKinley:*

Ms. McKinley provided a review of the 2013 annual audit to the Board. There were no questions or comments on the audit.

*Existing Industry/Retail Update – Jon Coleman:*

* Senator Lindsey Graham and two ZF representatives visited CAM.
* CAM received funding to train 100 students on the MSSC, a national certification in manufacturing and basic skills standard, at no cost starting in November.
* Met with 12 industries to tour CAM.
* Attended GSA Power.
* Served on the 10 at the Top panel for the best practices in workforce development in the upstate with Rusty Denning.

*Economic Development - Marvin Moss:*

* 28 RFIs YTD compared to 42 RFIs 2012.
* 20 Site visits YTD compared to 25 in 2012. One project visited four times.
* South Carolina has changed property system to “Locate SC”.
* LCDC website designer has linked LCDC properties to the state website.

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* No update

*CEDC Update*

Frank Stovall provided the update:

* Working with LCDC on the re-certification of Clinton Park III.
* The frontage road has been named “West Corporate Center Drive”.

*Spec Building Update – Marvin Moss:*

* All four walls are on building and have started painting.
* Construction is two weeks ahead of schedule with completion by mid-August.
* Two to three projects are looking at the building.

\*\* The Uniscite building walls are almost in place and hiring should begin at the end of 2013.

*Other Business*

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Gille