***Laurens County Development Corporation***

Board Meeting - **Minutes**

Tuesday – March 18, 2014

Attendees:

Jennifer Wilbanks (PTC), Collie Lehn, Rich D’Alberto, Stan Bryson, Ernie Segars, Tom Hardy, Jim Coleman, Mayor John Carter, Jeff Field, Randy Lis, Steve West, Mayor Sharon Brownlee, Randy Garrett and Frank Stovall.

Guests:

Stephen Taylor (CEDC)

Staff:

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

Press:

Warren Lee (GoLaurens), Emil Finley (WLBG) and Vic McDonald (Chronicle).

Chairman Coleman called the meeting to order at noon 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 Frank Stovall seconded the motion.

Chairman Coleman then asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the 01/21/14 meeting. Stan Bryson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mayor John Carter seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

Theresa Gille provided a recap of expenses for January and February 2014. With no questions or comments, the financials were accepted as information only.

Update on Investors: Received $9,150 in renewals, $500 in new investments from SC Power Team and an increase from Fitts & Goodwin from $250 to $1,000. Paid LCCC $250 for dual investor, Century 3.

*Laurens County Museum* – Faye Edge provided information about the museum and contribution opportunities.

*Workforce Development Update – Theresa Gille:*

There are 11 profiles on the SC database and working on two more. Will meet with industries to ensure that the profiles are taken care of by another profiler. Awaiting payment of $1,500 from the state for completed Ceramtec profile.

*Existing Industry/Retail Update – Jon Coleman:*

* Working with Apprenticeship Carolina on a Workforce Summit.
* Held quarterly CEO Roundtable on March 4th at ZF Transmission.
* Held Annual Meeting on February 20th.
* Golf tournament is April 3rd at
* Matt Petro with Retail Strategies is finishing up statistical analysis and should be back to Laurens County in a few weeks. Will represent us in Charlotte, NC and Las Vegas, NV. Retail Strategies study is funded by SC Power Team and the 100 Club.

*Economic Development Update – Marvin Moss:*

* RFI’s through February: 10, site visits: 8
* Working on five projects: Basket, Wattle, Azalea, Circle and Tablet.
* Conducted a presentation at the Fountain Inn Rotary Club.
* Traveled to Europe on a marketing trip with SC Power Team, Upstate Alliance, Parker Poe and Walbridge Construction.
* Owings Industrial Park water and sewer project is moving along. Most of the water line has been installed.
* John Lummus is the new President at Upstate Alliance.

*CEDC Update – Collie Lehn:*

Met this morning with superintendents from District 56 and will continue the process to mesh the strategic plan to grow economic development.

*First Update – John Young:*

* No report

Chairman Coleman asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Ernie Segars motioned and Randy Garrett seconded.

The Board returned to open session. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve:

Item #1: The Right-of-Way resolution to transfer 1.807 acres to Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission. Stan Bryson motioned to approve and Jeff Field seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

Item #2: Project Tablet resolution to authorize LCDC to help with the lease agreement for warehouse space for 12 months. Ernie Segars motioned to approve and Randy Garrett seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

*Other Business*

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Gille