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Industrial Development Board of Carter County

Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Industrial Development Board of Carter County was called to order at 10:05AM on May 8, 2014 in the Workplace Development Center by Chairman, Phil Isaacs

Present:

Phil Isaacs, Ken Kelly, Bill Cline, Jimmy Street, Carol Chase-McClelland, Jim Barker, Chris Guy, Joe LaPorte, Judy Veneeman, Tom Anderson, Mayor Leon Humphrey. All members present.

Minutes Approved: Motion Jim Barker, Second Bill Cline.

Treasurer's Report Approved: Motion Chris Guy, Second Ken Kelly.

Economic Development Updates

Borla Properties: Discussion was held to extend the PILOT agreement for five years, and to include the vacant property sited for development. After much discussion, plans were made for Tom Anderson and Attorney, Keith Bowers to meet with the City of Johnson City attorney to finalize their approval in writing. The property is located in Carter County, but in the City of Johnson City. Keith Bowers will obtain a second opinion on the new law passed by the State pertaining to PILOT Agreements. Also, Tom Anderson will meet with Alex Borla to discuss the accountability of number of employees to be added once this agreement is approved. Tom also stated that TVA has funds available for site preparation, but only if the board has a PILOT Agreement in effect.

Tom also discussed updates pertaining to business expansion and retention i.e. STL, Workforce Education meetings discussing how to meet needs of industry locating in our area such as problems with workers not having basic math and soft skills.

Roan Mountain Sewer Project: ETSU has assigned grad students to canvass businesses and personal residents to find out interest in this project, and get the project moving forward.

Cherokee Park: Two buildings available to market. They have been shown to a company. Also, Alcoa Building is being considered by an industry.

Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and Downtown Merchants are doing some strategic marketing.

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Old Business

Chairman Phil Isaacs asked for a motion for election of officers. Joe Laporte made a motion that all officers remain the same. This motion was seconded by Jimmy Street and approved by the board. Officers, Phil Isaacs, Chairman, Bill Cline, Vice-Chairman, and Carol Chase-McClelland, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chairman Phil Isaacs also asked the board to consider changing the meetings to quarterly and the board agreed and also to change the meeting time to the last Tuesday of the month. The board will vote on this motion at the June meeting. Attorney, Keith Bowers will present Bylaws to be changed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM by Chairman, Phil Isaacs. The next scheduled meeting will be held at 10:00AM on June 5, 2013 in the Workplace Development Center.



Minutes submitted by:

Carol Chase, Secretary