

OCONEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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RE: Oconee County Industrial Development Authority Meeting
DATE: January 9, 2017
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Oconee County Chamber of Commerce

IDA MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Waller, Chair
Charles Ivie
John Daniell
Chuck Williams
Kay Keller
Ed Perkins
Janet Jones
Wayne Bagley
Janet Jones
Linda Carol Porterfield

STAFF PRESENT: J.R. Charles, Economic Development Director
Joe Woodyard, Economic Development Assistant
Wes Geddings, Oconee County Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Becker

1. The January 9, 2017 meeting of the Oconee County Industrial Development Authority was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairman Rick Waller.
2. On a motion from Ed Perkins and a second from Chuck Williams, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes from the IDA meetings of December 12 and 14, 2016.
3. Finance Director Wes Geddings presented the financial report, which is included with these minutes. Because members of the OCIDA asked about the progress of the Parkway Boulevard extension project, J.R. Charles said he would invite Public Works Director Emil Beshara to attend the February IDA meeting to go into further detail regarding the extension.

4. Chair's report. Rick Waller welcomed new IDA members Linda Carol Porterfield, John Daniell, Wayne Bagley, and Don Phillips. Waller also gave an update on Alexion, saying they are approximately 21 days into their 90-day due diligence period. Waller led a discussion about the western tract of the Gateway Technology Business Park, including his desire to clear the site of vegetation and exploring options for financing a sewer line to the western tract of the park. John Daniell said he would explore the possibility of the county's public works department assisting with the clearing of the land, and Linda Carol Porterfield discussed potential land values of Gateway Technology Business Park. Additionally, she recommended the OCIDA continue to improve the park should an industry want to acquire the site immediately.

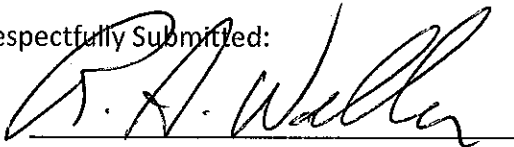
5. Economic Development Report. J.R. Charles discussed upcoming IDA training sessions, as well as an Economic Development 101 class scheduled for February 15, 2017. Kay Keller urged the OCIDA members to bring at least 5 people to the Economic Development 101 class, as it would help the OCIDA's mission to recruit new businesses. Charles also briefed the board on the recently-completed car tag survey, and mentioned the University of Georgia's Economic Outlook Luncheon scheduled for February 1, 2017 at the Classic Center in Athens.

6. Member reports.
 - John Daniell briefed the OCIDA on the Oconee County Commission's calendar of upcoming events.
 - Linda Carol Porterfield presented her information during Chairman Waller's report.
 - Janet Jones discussed the Bogart sewer expansion project and of its expected completion on February 27, as well as the January 23 deadline for library expansion bids.
 - Charles Ivie discussed remodeling Watkinsville city hall. He said the remodeling would focus on office space for city employees, but may also allow for a meeting room that could accommodate approximately 107 people.
 - Kay Keller reminded the Authority of the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, January 24. She also asked if the IDA would be open to having the Chamber of Commerce as the permanent meeting place for the IDA. On a motion by Ed Perkins and second by Linda Carol Porterfield, the IDA voted unanimously to have the Chamber office host IDA meetings for the remainder of 2017.
 - Ed Perkins discussed how he is looking forward to working with Dean Donald Leo of the UGA College of Engineering.
 - Chuck Williams spoke of the ideals of President-elect Trump and their potential impact. He also spoke of the opening session of the Georgia State Legislature and

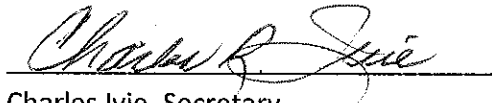
how they are waiting for Governor Deal's state of the state speech in order to hear about statewide priorities for the upcoming year.

7. Citizen Input. Lee Becker referred the IDA to his blog site for video coverage of past meetings, and he also requested copies of all materials brought before the Authority by IDA members.
8. There was no need to enter into executive session.
9. The IDA scheduled their next meeting for Monday, February 13, 2017.
10. On a motion by Charles Ivie and second from Janet Jones, the Authority adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Rick Waller, Chair



Charles Ivie, Secretary

Drafted by Joe Woodyard