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Minutes

Monday, April 9, 2018 ♦ 9:00 AM

Putnam County Administration Building – Room 204

The Putnam Development Authority met on Monday, April 9, 2018 at approximately 9:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 204, Eatonton, Georgia

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp
Member Patty Burns
Member Joshua Daniel
Member Eugene Smith
Member Ed Waggoner (via telephone)

OTHERS PRESENT

Attorney Kevin Brown (via telephone)
Economic Development Director Terry Schwindler
County Clerk Lynn Butterworth

Opening

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. (Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes.)

Minutes

2. Approval of Minutes - March 12, 2018

Motion made by Member Daniel, seconded by Member Smith, to approve the March 12, 2018 minutes. Motion carried with Members Burns, Daniel, Smith, and Waggoner voting yes.

Financials

3. Approval of Financials - March 2018

Motion made by Member Daniel, seconded by Member Burns, to approve the March 2018 Financials. Motion carried with Members Burns, Daniel, Smith, and Waggoner voting yes. (Copy of financials made a part of the minutes.)

Reports

4. Economic Development Director Report - April 2018

EDD Schwindler reported the following: (copy of report made a part of the minutes)

- Website visitor sessions and pages viewed per session
- Website analytics
- Project status - 6 projects added
- Projects by Industry - 4 Commercial/Retail, 1 Manufacturing, 1 Residential
- Project source – 1 local referral, 3 direct, 1 PDA website, 1 existing industry
- Company located – Frilli Frocks Boutique
- Company located – Kim and Lin Logan Real Estate
- Project update – Medical Center at Harmony Crossing
- Project update – ACE Hardware building – estimated completion May 2018
- Project update – EPWSA Perky Cap Lift Station Installation
- Project update – Lakeview Senior Gardens – 48 units (serving low income seniors at 50-60% incomes) – estimated completion October/November 2018
- Business & Industry contacts - 25 MTD, 66 YTD
- Social media - 284 likes on Facebook, 44 followers on LinkedIn, 49 followers on Instagram, 13 followers on Twitter
- Events attended and upcoming events
- Georgia Production Partnership Meeting – March 27th
- CGTC Job Fest – April 19th
- Interfor Hiring Expo – April 26th – Plaza Arts Center
- Georgia Ag Resources Roadshow – April 19th
- Business & Industry Meeting/Lunch – May 8th – PCHS

Motion made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Daniel, to write a letter to EPWSA regarding the 4” sewer line in the South Industrial Park and the problems it causes with future development. Motion carried with Members Burns, Daniel, Smith, and Waggoner voting yes. (Copy of letter made a part of the minutes.)

Regular Business

5. OneGeorgia Resolution

Motion made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Daniel, to authorize the Chairman to sign OneGeorgia grant resolution. Motion carried with Members Burns, Daniel, Smith, and Waggoner voting yes. (Copy of resolution made a part of the minutes.)

Motion made by Member Daniel, seconded by Member Smith, to close the safe deposit box at Farmers & Merchants Bank. Motion carried with Members Burns, Daniel, Smith, and Waggoner voting yes.

6. Updates on Cosmo, Aalto, Legacy, Manley, Universal Forest Products and Interfor
EDD Schwindler provided the following updates:

- Cosmo Cabinets
 - started production
 - several customers toured plant
 - grand opening is Wednesday April 11th from 10-12
 - hiring more people since line is up and running
- Aalto Scientific
 - doing well
 - 109 employees + 15 temps
 - expanding big building-adding on warehouse space and a clean room
 - recent problem with county water cutting off and had to use well water, which resulted in loss of production due to mucky water damaging filters – actual problem was a Piedmont pump that went down
- Legacy Housing
 - still hiring
 - not expanding to line 6 at this time
 - 220-240 employees
 - FEMA contracts should be complete in next couple months
- Manley Metal Works
 - leasing front portion of old iron works building from Bill Rainey with Rossee Oil
 - 1 FT employee
 - metal fabrication and repair work for trailers, etc.
 - working on getting licenses and permits for DOT
 - expect to hire another 3-4 people
- Universal Forrest Products
 - doing well
 - recent job fair flyer error (wrong date) but still got a few applications
 - 65-67 employees
 - looking for 10 more
- Interfor
 - upcoming job fair at Plaza Arts Center
 - turnover not as high as others
 - 115 employees
 - 9 locations in Georgia
- OceanLink/GEMI Trucking
 - added 6-7 employees this year

7. Status of the South Industrial Park, Rock Eagle Technology Park and a sewer project
EDD Schwindler provided the following status reports:

- Sewer project is on track and being built – new perky cap lift station is a few yards from the old one
- SIP - \$400,000 allocated from SPLOST – Terry will request money when we receive OneGeorgia grant (July-August should hear results)
- RETP – talked with Ted regarding what to do with money from GDOT for ROW acquisition – hope to be able to make pad ready site

Other Business

EDD Schwindler announced that CGTC Board has an opening – they meet the first Wednesday of each month in Warner Robbins or Macon at 10 a.m.

EDD Schwindler advised that the new copy of the Georgia Ports Authority directory is available and that GEMI Trucking/OceanLink have several ads.

Closing

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Burns, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried with Members Burns, Daniel, Smith, and Waggoner voting yes.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth
County Clerk

Bill Sharp
Chairman