

Wakulla County Industrial Development Authority Meeting Minutes

(a meeting held jointly with the Wakulla Economic Development Council)

May, 17 2011

11:00 a.m. Chamber of Commerce

CALL TO ORDER-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE *(Steve Fults, Jack Rudloe, Ted Gaupin, Amy Geiger, Leon Jacobs, Tom Harrington, Cynthia Paulson. Excused/Absent Members— Tom Harrington, Joe Hope, Traci Cash Guests-Bethany Burgess, Jennifer Langston, & Commissioner Lynn Artz. EDC representatives & guests-Kevin Vaughn, Paul Johnson, Jack Davis, Walt Dickson, Tim Jordan, Broward Sapp, Bruce Ballister, Petra Shuff, Bonnie Holub, and Ralph Thomas.*

INTRODUCTIONS

- General introduction of each organization & Mission-(*Mr. Jacobs and Ms. Burgess provided an overview including bonding uses.*)
- Individual member introductions
(Introductions were made with consensus for both groups to come together and be ready to take advantage of future opportunities)

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of vision process for economic development in Wakulla County
- Discussion of Wakulla County Business Promotion Toolkit
 - business guide
 - website
 - commercial property directory

(Mr. Jacobs stated his desire to work with the EDC to develop a business resource guide to include the County's assets such as Enterprise Zone information, educational info, etc., Mr. Jacobs presented an example of a strategic plan model from Hanover, VA. Mr. Jacobs mentioned how to execute the Community & Economic Development Plan conducted by Kimley Horne—the group requested a copy—Ms. Langston will email it to Petra. Mr. Fults stated that he felt that the Goal of the IDA was to get applications in, and the EDC 's goal was to help them get them there. Mr. Rudloe stated that the focus should be on aquaculture. Mr. Thomas stated the need for developing an inventory of assets such as TCC workforce, & local school system data, and to include existing infrastructure.)

- Discussion of appointment of strike team to outline protocol for collaboration across county economic development stakeholders in specific negotiations—*(No specific discussion of this item)*
- Discussion regarding strategy on Deepwater Horizon Funding Opportunities-*(No specific discussion)*

Old Business

- Final Approval of IDA Application-*This item was not addressed formally, but was discussed generally.*
- Discussion related to Community Center (Update on Bowling Alley data) –*(Mr. Fults presented/ distributed power point on bowling alley data and potential options. Commissioner Artz requested that the topic be more specifically discussed at a future meeting due to time constraints).*

Next Steps

Consensus was reached that both the Chairman of the EDC and Chairman of the IDA would continue to hold informal discussions related to economic development and future joint meetings. Additionally, discussed holding joint quarterly meetings.

ADJOURN-Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.