***Laurens County Development Corporation***

Board Meeting - **Minutes**

Tuesday – September 17, 2013

Attendees:

Tom Hardy, Stan Bryson, Frank Stovall, Ernie Segars, Collie Lehn, Greg Alexander, Jim Coleman, Randy Garrett, Jennifer Wilbanks (PTC), Mayor Sharon Brownlee and Steve West.

Guests:

Stephen Taylor (CEDC), Mark Warner (Davis & Floyd) and Hal Johnson (Upstate Alliance)

Staff:

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

Press:

Corey Engle (Advertiser) and Vic McDonald (Chronicle).

Chairman Coleman called the meeting to order at 11:56 a.m.

*Minutes and Financials*

Chairman Coleman asked the Board for a motion to approve the meeting’s agenda. Frank Stovall made the motion to approve and Randy Garrett seconded the motion.

Chairman Coleman then asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2013, meeting. Mayor Brownlee made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Randy Garrett seconded the motion. With no other discussion, the agenda and minutes were approved without opposition.

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

Update on Investors: 10 new investors in 2013, 4 were $1,000, 5 were $500 and 1 was a $250. Total investment YTD: $24,375 less $525 to LCCC for dual investors.

*Executive Committee Recommendation:*

Chairman Coleman stated that the Executive Committee and Finance Committee met last week and heard a presentation by Laurens CPW and the City of Clinton regarding spec buildings in both areas. The Executive committee’s recommendation is to allow Frank Stovall and Dale Satterfield to move forward and bring back a proposal to present the Board. Chairman Coleman asked the Board for approval. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

*Workforce Development – Theresa Gille*

South Carolina has an initiative where companies can receive free WorkKeys profiling. Ceramtec and ZF have signed up for WorkKeys profiling. Jon Coleman stated that Phase II construction will start next week at the Center for Advanced Manufacturing. Twenty high school students from Laurens and Clinton are taking the Manufacturing Skills Certificate course and will get an interview with ZF once they successfully complete the program. CEO Roundtable meetings are starting again with the firm meeting to be held at CAM. Greg Alexander added that Laurens County has successfully completed ACT’s requirements for the Work Ready Communities (WRC) program. City of Clinton is working on getting WRC signs for the County.

*Economic Development - Marvin Moss:*

Capital investments: 2012 – $97.4 million YTD 2013 – $179 million

New Jobs: 2012 – 257 YTD 2013 – 450

RFI’s: 2012 – 70 YTD 2013 – 41

Site Visits: 2012 – 25 YTD 2013 – 30

Many ZF supplier inquiries.

Websites pages viewed: 2012 – 171,573 YTD 2013 – 151,573

*CEDC Update*

Collie Lehn provided the update:

* Board meeting was held at CAM.
* David O’Shields is now a board member.
* Working on more efforts in Clinton High school.
* Looking at ways to upgrade industrial sites.

*Laurens First*

Mayor Brownlee provided the update:

* Squealin’ on the Square – First weekend October, draws approximately 25K people to Laurens County.

*Spec Building Update:*

Marvin Moss provided the update:

* First punch list is complete.
* Grass has been planted.
* Will take over the building in another week or so.
* Building has been insured with Correll insurance with annual premium of $6,226.44.

*Upstate Alliance Update*

Hal Johnson provided an update of Upstate Alliance activities.

*Other Business*

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Gille