***Laurens County Development Corporation***

Board Meeting - **Minutes**

Tuesday – January 21, 2014

Attendees:

Collie Lehn, Stan Bryson, Ernie Segars, Tom Hardy, Jim Coleman, Mayor John Carter, Roger Case, Jeff Field, Rich D’Alberto, Greg Alexander, Randy Lis, Dale Satterfield, Steve West and Frank Stovall.

Guests:

Matthew King (City of Fountain Inn), Matthew Petro (Retail Strategies) and Clay Andrews (Upstate Alliance)

Staff:

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

Press:

Corey Engle (Advertiser), John Wages (GoLaurens), Randy Stevens (WLBG) and Vic McDonald (Chronicle).

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

*Minutes and Financials*

Chairman Coleman asked the Board for a motion to approve the meeting’s agenda. Stan Bryson made the motion to approve and Mayor John Carter seconded the motion.

Chairman Coleman then asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2013, meeting. Rich D’Alberto made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Stan Bryson seconded the motion. With no other discussion, the agenda and minutes were approved without opposition.

Theresa Gille provided a recap of expenses for November and December 2013. With no questions or comments, the financials were accepted as information only.

Update on Investors: Received $1,750 in renewals and have re-invoiced $5,750 for upcoming renewals.

*Workforce Development Update – Theresa Gille:*

Completed Cermatec profile and submitted the preliminary report to the company. Working on final report and will request reimbursement of $1,500 from the state once final report is complete.

*Existing Industry/Retail Update – Jon Coleman:*

* Conducted 2nd CEO Roundtable on December 3rd at Lacks Trim in Fountain Inn. Next CEO Roundtable is scheduled for March 4th at ZF Transmissions.
* Attended the Center for Advanced Manufacturing community open house on January 14th. Construction is underway on the second phase of the building and should be complete by February 2014.
* Met with the lady from GHS Business Services to discuss occupational health.
* Scheduled to meet with the board members of the LCDC Board to do a recap of 2013.

*Economic Development Update – Marvin Moss:*

* Recap of 2013: 515 new jobs, $220.1 Million in new capital investments, making it the 4th best year. GSA Business listed Laurens County as the 5th best in the state for capital investment from 2008 to 2013.
* RFI’s: 59 in 2013, 70 in 2012
* Site Visits: 43 in 2013, 25 in 2012
* Completed 50,000 square foot spec building, water & sewer were bid out in Owings Industrial Park and Laurens CPW is working on bringing Hunter Industrial Park to a class “A” park.
* Attended Atlanta marketing trip and plan to attend Southern ED Roundtable in Santa Rosa, FL.

*CEDC Update – Collie Lehn:*

No update.

*First Update – Dale Satterfield:*

* Laurens First is now the Economic Development Committee of Main Street.

*Upstate Alliance Update – Clay Andrews:*

Conducted a presentation on the ways Upstate Alliance is moving forward in the global market.

*Retail Strategies – Matt Petro*

Conducted a presentation on how retail strategies can help communities.

*Owings Industrial Park Water & Sewer Project – Marvin Moss:*

* Contracts have been signed for the water and sewer project in Phase II of OIP. The water pipe is to be installed in early February and should have water to serve the entire phase II of Owings Industrial Park by the end of the first quarter.
* Waiting on the Rural Infrastructure Authority to approve the contract for the sewer project.
* The water and sewer project is being funded solely through grants and therefore, the County incurs no cost.

*Other Business*

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Gille