



Tucker County Development Authority

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Minutes

Tucker County Development Authority

March 8, 2018 – 6:00 PM 264 East Avenue, Thomas, WV 26292

Board Members Present:

Wayne Smith - President, Alan Tomson -Vice President (by phone), Roscoe 'Ronnie' Beall - Treasurer, Ben Nelson (by phone), Titus Helmick, JR Helmick and Cory Chase (arrived late).

Board Members Not Present: Dan Dilly, Sandra Frank, Bruce Kolsun, Patrick Darlington, Brandon Wilfong

Quorum present? Yes (upon arrival of Cory Chase at 6:41 pm)

Attendees:

Executive Director: Steven Leyh

Other: Dennis Filler, Tucker County Planner, Rob Burns, Director of the Tucker Community Foundation and Dave Clark, Executive Director of Woodlands Development Group and Woodlands Community Lenders.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm by TCDA President Wayne Smith. President Smith noted that while we waited for a quorum to assemble we could continue with the scheduled speakers while we waited for additional members to arrive. Rob Burns and Dave Clark presented background information and took questions on the Davis Center project. Cory Chase arrived at 6:41 pm and a quorum was present.

New Business

Davis Center Project

The board listened and discussed a proposal to redevelop the former Davis Center in Blackwater Falls State Park.



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Rob Burns and Dave Clark presented information about costs and financing options to redevelop the building. The board was also presented with letters of interest to lease space at the center from St. George Medical Clinic and Tucker County Family Resource Network. The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources has requested a government entity be the master lease holder. Rob Burns asked if the Development Authority would consider becoming the master leaseholder for the project. The Development Authority agreed that a site visit be arranged to look at the property.

Ronnie Beall made a motion that the Tucker County Development Authority tentatively support the Davis Center Redevelopment project. Motion seconded by JR Helmick, motion carried unanimously.

Pitch Contest

Rob Burns explained the annual Pitch Contest. He asked if the Development Authority would once again help organize the event and asked if the board would support contributing \$1,000 towards the prizes.

Cory Chase motioned to support the Pitch Contest and contribute \$1,000, JR Helmick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Ronnie Beall moved to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2018 meeting and the motion was seconded by Cory Chase. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Billing and Communication

President Smith presented a letter from Citizens Bank that notified the board that our Certificate of Deposit was set to mature. Ronnie Beall motioned to roll over the CD. JR Helmick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

President Smith asked members to review the report that was emailed out to the board and asked if there were any questions about the report. It will be placed on file.



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Executive Director's Report

Tucker County Business Expansions

- Working with numerous businesses throughout the county to expand their operations.

County Commission Meeting

- Attended the February 7th County Commission meeting to support the purchase of 4 acres of land next to ball field in Davis.

Davis Center Redevelopment

- Met with various potential stakeholders to discuss opportunities to redevelop the former Davis Center at Blackwater Falls State Park.

Mon Forest Business Survey

- Met with representatives from the Monongahela National Forest to discuss their upcoming business survey.

Business Recruitment to Industrial Park

- Met with various utility providers including Canaan Valley Gas, Mon Power, Town of Davis to discuss capacity. I have been showing the industrial park to potential tenants and interest is beginning to grow.

WV Hardwood Alliance Zone

- New counties are joining and HAZ and the zone will be expanding soon.

Opportunity Zone Qualification

- Discussed Opportunity Zone funding with officials from Congressman McKinley's office.

Pitch Contest

- Met with Tucker Community Foundation to discuss continuing the annual pitch contest.

Insurance

- Completed and submitted all documentation to renew our insurance policy.

West Virginia Economic Development Council Annual Conference

- Tucker County will be hosting the conference at Canaan Valley Resort September 23-25.



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Old Business

Land Swap

Steve Leyh, Executive Director reported on behalf of Commissioner Patrick Darlington. Patrick has emailed all the documentation to DNR and he is waiting on a response.

Board Vacancies

The board was reminded that the Development Authority is still in need of a member.

NYSF Offer

Steve Leyh reported the National Youth Science Foundation is seeking clarifications on a few items before moving forward with providing office space for the Development Authority.

Public Comment

County Planner, Dennis Filler and Steve Leyh attended a USDA workshop in Morgantown to learn about their grant programs for broadband internet.

Adjourn

The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm after a motion from JR Helmick and a second from Cory Chase.

The next Tucker County Development Authority meeting will be held on April 12, 2018 at 6 pm at the TCDA Office, 264 East Avenue, Thomas, West Virginia.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Leyh, Executive Director.