



**Tucker County Development Authority**

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## **Minutes**

### **Tucker County Development Authority**

April 12, 2018 – 6:00 PM 264 East Avenue, Thomas, WV 26292

#### **Board Members Present:**

Wayne Smith - President, Alan Tomson -Vice President, Roscoe 'Ronnie' Beall - Treasurer, JR Helmick, Cory Chase, Sandra Frank, Dan Dilly (by phone), Bruce Kolsun (arrived 6:52 pm).

**Board Members Not Present:** Patrick Darlington, Brandon Wilfong, Ben Nelson, Titus Helmick

Quorum present? Yes

#### **Attendees:**

Executive Director: Steve Leyh

Other: Dennis Filler, Tucker County Planner, Rob Burns, Executive Director of the Tucker Community Foundation

#### **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by TCDA President Wayne Smith. President Smith.

#### **Minutes**

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

#### **Billing and Communication**

The board was presented an invitation from New Historic Thomas to attend the Thomas Celebration set for April 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Cottrill's Opera House.

#### **Treasurer's Report**



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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.

### **Executive Director's Report**

#### **Davis Center Redevelopment**

- Arranged a tour of the Davis Center with board members and have been working to move the project forward.

#### **Tucker County Business Expansions**

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

#### **Business Recruitment to Industrial Park**

- I continue to show the Industrial Park to potential tenants.

#### **Appalachian Forest Heritage Area Meeting**

- Attended the annual meeting of the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area in Moorefield.

#### **Parsons Economic Development Authority**

- Attended the March meeting of the Parsons Economic Development Authority to learn about their initiatives and extend an invitation to collaborate whenever possible.

#### **Attended Grand Opening**

- Toured Cortland Acres and attended the grand opening of their new gift shop - Especially For You.

#### **Pitch Contest**

- Raising money to help fund the annual pitch contest

#### **Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting**

- I spoke about the Tucker County Development Authority at the April 11 Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

### **Old Business**

#### ***Land Swap***

There was no action to report.



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### ***Board Vacancy***

The board was reminded that the Development Authority is still in need of a member. Dennis Filler offered to post the vacancy on the county's website.

### ***NYSF Offer***

Steve Leyh reported that we are still waiting on National Youth Science Foundation to get clarification on a few matters before moving forward.

### ***Davis Center Redevelopment***

The board discussed making a tentative offer to lease the former Davis Center for 35 years. Al Tomson motioned that TCDA begin negotiations with WV Department of Natural Resources at 10 cents a square foot. Ronnie Beall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### ***Pitch Contest***

Steve Leyh reported that a tentative date for the Pitch Contest has been set in June. We are continuing to raise money for prizes.

Rob Burns asked to address the board and presented a quick update from the Parsons Economic Development Authority. He explained that organization is making a bid for the land for a second industrial park in Parsons. He also shared that the Tucker Community Foundation is seeking an ARC Power Grant to provide trades training.

## **New Business**

### ***Industrial Park Shell Building Proposal***

The board reviewed a proposal from Stumptown Ales to lease the shell building at the industrial park for 10 years. Ronnie Beall motioned that we accept the proposal and move forward with developing a lease. The motion was seconded by JR Helmick. The motion carried unanimously. The board will review the lease at the next meeting.

### ***Highland Trail Foundation Office Display***

Steve Leyh explained that the Highland Trail Foundation would like to set up display in the office windows. The board suggested that these types of matters should be at the discretion of the Executive Director.



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***Slack App***

Cory Chase presented the board with information about the Slack App and encouraged members to explore it and possibly adopt it as an alternative to email.

*Board Member Bruce Kolsun arrived at 6:52 pm*

***National Rural Entrepreneurship Rural Rise Summit***

Steve Leyh presented information about the Rural Rise Summit that is set to be held at Canaan Valley Resort May 14-16. Steve asked if anyone objected to him attending the event on behalf of the Tucker County Development Authority. Al Tomson motioned that Tucker County Development Authority send the Executive Director to the Rural Rise Summit. Bruce Kolsun seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

**Adjourn**

The board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm after a motion from Ronnie Beall and a second from Cory Chase.

The next Tucker County Development Authority meeting will be held on May 10, 2018 at 6 pm at the TCDA Office, 264 East Avenue, Thomas, West Virginia.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Leyh, Executive Director.