

**Newberry County Council
Economic Development Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

**September 8, 2014
6:00 PM
Courthouse Annex Conference Room**

**PRESENT: Leslie (Les) Hipp, Committee Chairman
Henry H. Livingston, Council Chairman
Scott Cain, Committee Member
Steven C. Stockman, Committee Member**

**OTHERS: Teresa Powers, Economic Development Director
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Donna Lominack, Auditor
Patrick Meetze, Citizen
Eric Emery, Cagle Development
Ed Cagle, Cagle Development
Greg Griffith, Komatsu**

MEDIA: None present

1. Call to Order

Mr. Hipp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Adams noted that there were some gentlemen present who would like to discuss in Executive Session a matter under SC Code §30-4-70(a)(5) for matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries. He asked that item 4a be added to the agenda for this purpose.

Mr. Cain motioned to adopt the agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Livingston; unanimously approved.

3. Approval of June 23, 2014 Minutes

Mr. Livingston motioned to approve the June 23rd minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Cain; unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

None

4a. Executive Session [6:02 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.]

Mr. Hipp returned the meeting to open session and reported that the committee met in Executive Session and no action was taken in that session.

5. Central SC Alliance

- a. Quarterly Report –**
- b. Invoice Approval (2nd Quarter FY14/15)**

Mr. Hipp reported that the committee just received a copy of the quarterly report from Central SC Alliance and they were not present to answer any specific questions. He suggested deferring the approval of the 2nd quarter invoice until the committee had ample time to review the report and have further discussions.

Mr. Cain motioned to table until further discussion; seconded by Mr. Stockman; unanimously approved.

Mr. Hipp said he did not want to go through the report line item by line item but thought it was a good time to discuss the Alliance and our economic development in general. He asked Mr. Livingston how he felt things were going at Central from the board level.

Mr. Livingston shared that there has been a lot of activity through Central Alliance although we have not secured anything. He said as a whole, this is a good group who are supporting us but there are some adjustments that can be made. A concern on their end is that they have been left out of the loop on certain things. He said the county has come too far with this group and felt we could expand by utilizing another alliance, in addition to Central, to see how everything will operate. Two other counties have already joined in with another alliance and are in the process of signing confidentiality agreements to make sure no information is shared between the two. Mr. Livingston said his recommendation would be to approve the money for Central and to join another alliance if need be.

After further discussion on this matter, Mr. Cain motioned go into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Hipp; unanimously approved

[Executive Session 7:05 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.]

Mr. Hipp reported that the committee met in Executive Session for discussion and no action was taken in that session.

Mr. Cain motioned to recommend approval of Central SC Alliance 2nd Qtr. Invoice in the amount of \$17,000.00 to full Council; seconded by Mr. Stockman; unanimously approved.

6. Mid-Carolina Commerce Park

Ms. Powers reported that the property has been surveyed for the power sub-station and she distributed copies of the plat to members of the committee. She said the next step will be to have the documents drawn up for Council's approval if you are satisfied with the identified property of 2.07 acres on the plat.

Mr. Cain motioned to recommend to full Council approval of deeding Newberry Electric Cooperative 2.07 acres for the sub-station which will include an easement to the property; seconded by Mr. Stockman;

After some further discussion on the easement/access to the property, the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Mega Site Update

Ms. Powers reported that since the last meeting, the Mega Site has been officially certified by McCallum Sweeney to the South Carolina Department of Commerce's standards for Mega Sites. She said staff continues to look at how to better address the wetlands and stream mitigation in addition to refining the marketing efforts on the property.

8. Marketing Update

Ms. Powers reported that they are scheduled to leave at the end of the week for the SEUS Japan Conference in Japan. Their itinerary will include four (4) meetings in Japan and Korea in addition to their attendance at the conference. She said she attended the South Eastern Development meeting in Memphis, Tennessee and received a lot of time with consultants and she is slated to attend the Area Development Consultants Forum, in conjunction with Central Alliance, in December. Ms. Powers noted that an ad for the Mega Site was submitted to the SCDOC for their publication.

9. Executive Session

No Executive Session. Items for Executive Session were addressed as agenda items 4a and 5.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

APPROVED:

Leslie Hipp, Committee Chairman

Laurie Renwick, Recorder