

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2019**

The Newberry County Council Economic Development Committee met on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

The meeting was duly advertised, as required by law.

PRESENT: Steve Stockman, Committee Chairman
Scott Cain, Council Member
Henry H. Livingston, III, Council Member
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director
Kara Cannon, Economic Development Specialist
Taylor Davenport, Assistant to County Administrator

1. Call to Order - Steve Stockman, Committee Chairman

Mr. Stockman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda.

There being no additions or deletions to the agenda, Mr. Cain moved to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Livingston. Vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of September 23, 2019 Minutes.

Motion by Mr. Livingston to approve the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Cain. Vote was unanimous.

4. Public Comments.

No comments from the public.

5. Staff Report - Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director

A. Project Activity

Three new projects were won this quarter and will be discussed in Executive Session. These three projects brought in a total of \$17.6 million and 91 new jobs

The total for all 2019 new projects and expansions brought in \$51.95 million and 246 new jobs.

B. Project Report

KRA construction is in late stages and machinery is being installed. The construction will be completed on December 11, 2019 with a move in date of January 15, 2020. Production is anticipated to begin February 1, 2020.

C. Product Development

The slab is in place on the spec building and walls are going up.

Entrance signage at the Highway 219 Industrial Park was completed in October.

As to Mawsons Way, grants are being worked on. We are waiting on the budget from the engineer before submitting the grant. We will ask the Feds to pay for the bulk of this .

D. Marketing Report

Attended the Korea Marketing Mission in October. From that meeting, there is one very real project, one near term project, and four potential projects. Also met with Samsung at their headquarters. Assisted with conducting a seminar for Korean Business Owners.

Mr. Farmer and Mr. Livingston attended the Washington, DC Mission trip. This trip is put together by Central Alliance every 2 years.

E. Existing Industry Report

ISE - working on new incentives for Ag business and helping them to comply.
MM Technics - expansion is ongoing
Pioneer Frozen Foods - fined by Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority for effluent violations.

F. Other Matters

Central SC Alliance quarterly invoice in the amount of \$18,000 needs to be approved. Motion by Mr. Livingston to submit to full Council for approval; second by Mr. Cain. Vote was unanimous.

In October the second Laurens/Newberry Business and Industry Showcase was held in Newberry. This brings in 8th graders from both counties to show them what industry life is like. They are introduced to concepts of careers outside of 4 years of college. Mr. Farmer thanked Mr. Cain for his help on this.

Thirteen companies, both big and small, attended the Industrial Roundtable. Another one will be offered in January.

Mr. Farmer has been invited to participate in the Southern Economic Development Roundtable Conference in January.

6. Comments by and discussion items from the Committee Members.

No comments.

7. Executive Session.

Mr. Cain moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

Section 30-4-70(a)(2) and (a)(5): Discussion of matters incident to proposed contractual arrangements, and related to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by the public body, including Projects Tigershark, Shot, Simonton, etc.

Seconded by Mr. Livingston. Vote was unanimous.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:15 P.M.-7:40 P.M.)

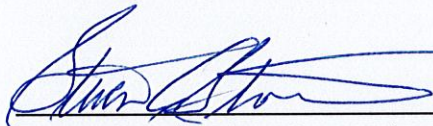
Upon returning to open session, Mr Adams advised that the matters listed were discussed but no action was taken.

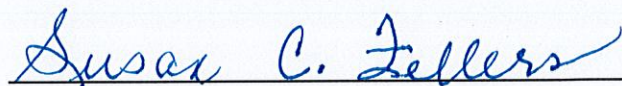
8. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Cain moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Livingston.

Mr. Stockman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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APPROVED: 3-2-2020