

**Newberry County Council
Economic Development Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Courthouse Annex Conference Room

Present: **Leslie (Les) Hipp, Committee Chairman
Henry H. Livingston, Council Chairman
Steve Stockman, Committee Member**

Others: **Jay Tothacer, County Attorney
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director
Kara Cannon, Economic Development Specialist
Gordon Johnson**

Media: **None Present**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hipp called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Additions, Deletion, & Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Livingston made the motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Stockman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of March 21st, 2016 & April 13th, 2016 Minutes

Mr. Livingston made a motion to approve the March 21st, 2016 and April 13th, 2016 committee meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Stockman supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Staff Report

a. Project Development

Mr. Farmer reported that overall project activity is light. He mentioned one new project that came in late April, and two possible existing industry expansions to be discussed in Executive Session.

b. Product Development

Mr. Farmer delivered information on the status of the clearing, grubbing, and grading efforts and the forest thinning project taking place at the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park. He also gave an update on the re-engineering being done at the I-26 Mega Site.

c. Prospect Development

Mr. Farmer gave an overview of his recent existing industry visits with Valmont, Trucast, Kraft Foods, and International Paper. He mentioned the new Economic Development website, as well as, the SEUS Japan trip.

d. Other

Mr. Famer discussed the closure schedule for Caterpillar and mentioned the success of our Toast of the Town event. He also gave an update on the new Economic Development office.

6. Executive Session

Chairman Hipp stated that the committee would like to go into Executive Session in accordance with SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2) and (A) (5) and in regards to “Project Titan” and other unnamed potential projects, as well as, two possible existing industry expansions. Mr. Livingston made a motion to go into Executive Session and Mr. Stockman offered the second. The vote was unanimous.

[7:50 p.m. – 8:23 p.m.]

Chairman Hipp stated that the committee met in Executive Session and no action was taken in that session.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Mr. Stockman offered the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Livingston supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

APPROVED:

Leslie Hipp, Committee Chairman

Kara Cannon, Recorder