

**Newberry County Council  
Economic Development Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**December 5th, 2016**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Courthouse Annex Conference Room**

**Present:** Leslie (Les) Hipp, Committee Chairman  
Henry H. Livingston III, Council Chairman  
Scott Cain, Committee Member

**Others:** Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
Jay Tothacer, County Attorney  
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director  
Kara Cannon, Economic Development Specialist  
Chris Kemper  
Jason Merchant, NEC

**Media:** None Present

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Hipp called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. Additions, Deletion, & Adoption of the Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of October 25th, 2016 Minutes**

Mr. Cain made a motion to approve the October 25th, 2016 committee meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Livingston supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

**4. Public Comments**

None.

## **5. Staff Report**

### **a. Project Development**

Mr. Farmer reported that we currently have more than a dozen projects, with many being active. These include food processing, assembly, metal working, solar, and textile companies. We also have three prospective existing industry expansions in motion.

### **b. Product Development**

Mr. Farmer reported that the clearing, chipping, rough grading, and detention ponds have been completed. The 30 acre pad-ready site is on schedule to be completed by December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, with only some finishing work to be done after.

Mr. Jason Merchant, with Newberry Electric Cooperative, reached out to the committee to request the use of the extra dirt to fill in the 5 acre site for Newberry Electric Cooperative's future substation within Mid-Carolina Commerce Park. The committee agreed that when the time comes, the co-op can use some of the left-over dirt.

### **c. Other**

None

## **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) to discuss matters relating 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. Mr. Cain made a motion to go into Executive Session and Mr. Livingston offered the second. The vote was unanimous.

**[7:27 p.m. – 8:10 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 8:11 p.m. Mr. Cain offered the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Livingston supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**APPROVED:**

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**Leslie Hipp, Committee Chairman**

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**Kara Cannon, Recorder**