



**MERIWETHER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Official Minutes
March 12, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Conference Room
Meriwether County Administration Building**

Members Present: Rosla Plant; Cheryl Moultrie; Allen Parham; Lee Taylor

Absent: Chairman Robert Moreland

Staff: Jane Fryer, Velinda Walton

Others: Theron Gay, Kevin Brown, Commissioner Vice-Chair Mary Bray, Commissioner Shirley Hines

Vice-Chairman Rosla Plant called the regularly scheduled monthly Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority Board of Director's meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Vice Chair Plant welcomed everyone. Vice-Chair Plant led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Mr. Lee Taylor for approval of the March 12th, 2018, Agenda with one amendment changing the facilitator of the meeting from Chairman Robert Moreland to Vice-Chairman Rosla Plant due to the Chairman Moreland not being present. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cheryl Moultrie. Motion carried.

Comments from Visitors and Guests: None

Approval of Minutes of February 12th, 2018 Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Allen Parham for approval of the February 12th, 2018, meeting minutes and seconded by Mrs. Moultrie. Motion carried.

Financial Report/Jane Fryer: Ms. Fryer presented and explained the Financial Report as of February 28th, 2018. Ms. Fryer stated the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Audit Report will be

presented by Abbott, Jordan and Koon, CPA Firm at the April 2018 meeting. Mr. Parham made a motion of approval of the Financial Report as presented and Mr. Lee Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business/Sale of Property: Ms. Fryer informed the Board that she has spoken to several real estate brokers concerning the selling of land parcels on Sewell Road that totals to 155 acres. Since the property was donated to the Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority an agreement was made not to sell the property for a period of three years and the agreement ended on December 31st, 2017. Ms. Fryer contacted several Real Estate Brokers to sell the property. Mr. Gene Reynolds owner/broker of Gene Reynolds Realty offered the best response with a 6% broker fee. Mr. Reynolds would like to list the properties until December 31st, 2018. The prices vary from \$3,900 to \$6,000 per acre. The properties on Sewell Road were zoned industrial at the time of the land donation to the IDA. Ms. Fryer stated the property may need to be rezoned. Mr. Parham made a motion of approval for Ms. Fryer to list the properties with Gene Reynolds Realty until December 31st, 2018. Mrs. Moultrie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business/Election of Officers: Ms. Fryer opened up the floor for nomination of officers for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Mrs. Moultrie nominated the present slate of officers for the Fiscal Year. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. The slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019 are as follows: Robert Moreland, Chairman; Rosla Plant, Vice-Chairman; Velinda Walton, Secretary/Treasurer.

Economic Development Report: Ms. Fryer presented and explained the Executive Director's Report as of March 12th, 2018. She reported to the Board the following items: Custom Truck and Body Works located in the Woodbury Industrial Park is adding approximately 8,000 square feet and hiring about 12-15 more employees. She and Ms. Maggie Laton visited with them talking about state incentives. Custom Truck and Body works will be manufacturing fire trucks for Meriwether County. Crown Technology in the Woodbury Industrial Park will have two locations due to them purchasing a building in Thomaston. The Thomaston building will manufacture a new line of items. Ms. Fryer and Ms. Laton visited with them talking about state incentives. Ms. Fryer stated that she was told there was some activity on the Angiodynamics Building in Manchester and had touched base with Joan Caldwell, Chairman of the Manchester Development Authority to see if she could be of assistance. Ms. Fryer and Ms. Laton will be meeting with Reinforced Earth Company to make them aware of the state incentives that may be available for them. Ms. Jane stated that she is working on two projects at the moment and others are looking at Meriwether as well. The Movie Ranch is beginning to pick up some activity and a new partner has joined them.

Ms. Fryer also stated that she had met with the new Woodbury Mayor, Steve Ledbetter and his wife Carolyn. One of the items of discussion was that Woodbury does not have Freeport Tax Exemption inside the city limits. They have county Freeport Exemption but the municipalities have to vote on the city Freeport Exemption taxes Mayor Ledbetter is aware of the situation but if the citizens vote in Freeport Tax Exemptions, will lose

revenue from their budget. Mr. Theron Gay stated that the tax exemption could be phased in. Vice-Chair Rosla suggested a letter be sent to the City of Woodbury making them aware of the phase in process of the Freeport Tax Exemption. The board agreed for Ms. Fryer to draft a letter concerning this matter to the City of Woodbury.

Other Business/New Signage: Ms. Fryer presented a rendering of the proposed directional sign to be placed outside on the lawn for the Health Department and Dental Clinic, Building A and the County Administration Building and Development Authority, Building B. Ms. Fryer has conferred with Mr. Theron Gay concerning the sign and he stated that he was in favor of a new sign. Mr. Gay said that the Meriwether County Public Works Department may be able to assist with some of the construction on the sign in order to keep down costs for the IDA. Mr. Gay stated that the county is meeting with VOSS on March 27th, 2018, to see their presentation on a new branding for the county and cities. Ms. Plant suggested that we contact DFM Graphics to see if they could possibly do the work. The consensus of the Board was to wait until after the March 27th, 2018, meeting to make any decisions.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 9th, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., in the Conference Room at the Meriwether County Administration Building, Greenville.

There being no further discussion at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Taylor to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Parham. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Velinda Walton, Secretary

Rosla Plant, Vice-Chairman