

MERIWETHER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Official Minutes November 13, 2023 4:00 p.m. Meriwether County Administration Building Commissioners Chambers

Members Present: Rosla Plant; Freddie Hines; Allen Parham; Danny Hosey

Absent: Mary Bray

Via Phone: Attorney Kevin Brown

Staff: Jane Fryer, Velinda Walton

Others: Blue Cole, Meriwether County Assistant Manager; Attorney Kevin Brown, Seyfarth Shaw; Chairman Bryan Threadgill, BOC; John Gorton, Meriwether County Finance Department.

Chairman Rosla Plant called the regularly scheduled monthly Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Mr. Freddie Hines conducted the invocation and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

<u>Approval of Agenda</u>: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Allen Parham for approval of the November 13th, 2023, Agenda as presented. Mr. Freddie Hines seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Approval of Minutes/October 10th, 2023:</u> A motion was made by Mr. Hines to approve the October 10th, 2023, minutes as presented. Vice-Chairman Parham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Financial Report as of October 31st, 2023:</u> Ms. Fryer presented and explained the October 31st, 2023, Financial Report to the Board. Mr. Danny Hosey made a motion to approve the October 31st, 2023, Financial Report as presented. Vice Chairman Parham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Comments from Guests:</u> Mr. Blue Cole, Meriwether County Assistant Manager stated he is enjoying working with the Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority.

Old Business:

- Woncheun: Ms. Fryer stated that she, Mr. Blue Cole, and Mr. Theron Gay had a second meeting with the Georgia Department of Transportation concerning an entrance to the company but could not work anything out with GDOT. They stated the acceleration and deceleration lanes were too expensive. Ms. Fryer stated that she contacted Justin Greer, Engineer, for advice on a possible solution. Mr. Greer stated that a frontage road off Meriwether Park Drive would give access to Woncheun and other companies for a cheaper price and a lot faster to create. Woncheun agreed on the frontage road. Mr. Greer is presently working on the design and cost of the road.
- Redmond Machinery: Mr. Scotty Redmond has a contract for 13.7 acres on County Line Road. Piedmont Paving had the lowest bid for the project. Mr. Redmond is ready to close on the property.
- <u>KB AutoSys:</u> Ms. Fryer stated KB AutoSys is still waiting on AT&T to move the lines so that work can begin.
- <u>Bo K. Kim Property:</u> Attorney Kevin Brown stated the closing will take place by the end of the year on the 6.25 acre-tract off Heather Lane.

New Business:

- Dongwon AutoPart Technology: Ms, Fryer stated that Dongwon needs to acquire a loan to purchase needed equipment for their expansion. The loan for has a non-recourse against Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority. Discussion was held among the Board. Vice Chairman Parham made a motion that the Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority hereby join in the execution of the Security Deed for the purposes to approve the collateral for Dongwon AutoPart Technology. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- <u>Project PGR:</u> Ms. Fryer stated she has not heard anything from this project. They are a Swiss Company that manufactures electrical testing equipment.
- Mando G1 Expansion: Ms. Fryer stated Mando is also considering the Opelika area for their expansion. The state of Georgia is not giving any discretionary funds to Mando, only standard tax credits such as Job Tax Credits. Ms. Fryer is waiting to hear what will happen.

<u>Election of Officers FY 2023 - 2024</u>: Ms. Fryer opened the floor up for nomination of Officers for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024. Mr. Hosey made a motion to nominate the same slate of officers that served for FY 2022 - 2023. The officers are as follows: Rosla Plant, Chairman; Allen Parham, Vice-Chairman; Velinda Walton, Secretary/Treasurer and Jane Fryer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., in the Meriwether County Administration Building Commissioner's Chambers.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Parham to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hosey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Velinda Walton, Secretary

Rosla Plant, Chairman