

**Loudon County Economic Development Agency/  
Joint Economic and Community Development  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Lenoir City Utilities Board  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**The following members were present:** Mayor Buddy Bradshaw, Mayor Jeff Harris, John Evans, Eddie Simpson, Harold Duff, Bruce Giles, and George Bove

**Also present were:** Mayor Tony Aikens; Ex-Officio members Shannon Littleton, Rodney Grugin, Ty Ross, and Amber Scott-Kelso, LCEDA staff members Jack Qualls and Blair Patterson

Chairman Buddy Harris called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m.

**Approval of the minutes from the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting**

The minutes were emailed to the Members prior to the meeting for their review. **Bruce Giles made a motion to approve the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes, seconded by John Evans. All approved.**

**Financial Report**

John Evans presented the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet reviewing current assets, fixed assets, and liabilities. **Eddie Simpson made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Bruce Giles. Motion passed.**

Jack Qualls introduced new Board Member George Bove, representing the Loudon County Chamber. George stated that the Chamber is looking into writing a letter to the EDA Board to make an addendum to the By-Laws to give the Chamber President voting rights on the LCEDA Board, rather than the year-to-year revolving Chamber Chairman.

**FY 2019-2020 Audit**

The Executive Committee recommended to accept the FY 2019-2020 Audit concluding there were no findings. John Evans made a motion to accept the FY 2019-2020 Audit, seconded by Harold Duff. All approved.

**Consideration of Project Dealer Fast Track Grant**

This Grant opportunity was discussed at the Executive Committee level with the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve. Bruce Giles made the motion to allow the LCEDA to be the pass through for the Project Dealer Fast Track Grant funds, seconded by John Evans. All approved.

**TN ECD 2021 Site Development Grants**

The full board discussed the options for site development grants that were mentioned in the Executive Committee Meeting also bringing up the topic of pouring gravel at Centre 75 being a priority. Jeff Harris made a motion for the LCEDA to move forward with Site Development Grant Applications, seconded by Eddie Simpson. Motion carried.

**Centre 75 Tract Letter of Intent**

The Executive Committee recommended to approve the LCEDA Director, Jack Qualls, to work with the fast food business and developers in the sale and negotiation of the Centre 75 lot. Jeff Harris made a motion to approve Jack's work with the letter of intent, seconded by Bruce Giles. All approved.

**EDA Support for Residential Development**

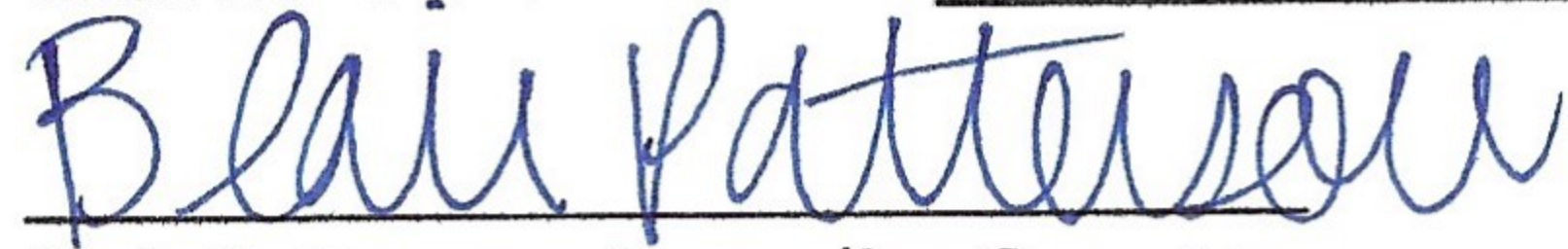
Mayor Tony Aikens brought this agenda item in the Executive Committee, recommending the LCEDA Board give full support for residential growth at the County level. Eddie Simpson made a motion to have the LCEDA give full support to residential growth development at the County, seconded by John Evans. Motion carried.

**Project Report**

Jack Qualls stated that both the Goodson Brothers and VanhoooseCo PILOTs have ended. The Industrial Development Boards in both cities will be receiving and signing closing documents.

**Additional Business**

With no further business Jeff Harris made a motion to adjourn seconded by Eddie Simpson, motion carried.



Blair Patterson, Recording Secretary