

**Loudon County Economic Development Agency/
Joint Economic and Community Development
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Lenoir City Utilities Board
April 8th, 2021**

The following members were present: Mayor Jeff Harris, John Evans, John Harrison, Amber Scott-Kelso (proxy for Eddie Simpson), Harold Duff, Bruce Giles, Rodney Grugin, and George Bove

Also present were: Mayor Tony Aikens; LCEDA staff members Jack Qualls and Blair Patterson

Vice-Chairman Jeff Harris called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.m.

Approval of the minutes from the January 14th, 2021 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 January 14th, 2021 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. **Amber Scott-Kelso made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Bruce Giles. Motion passed.**

FY 2021-2022 Budget

The Executive Committee recommended to approve the Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. **John Harrison made a motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 Budget, seconded by Bruce Giles. All approved.**

Centre 75 Lot 6 Lease – Potential Offer

The Executive Committee recommended to accept the Centre 75 Lot 6 offer from Ken Brewster with Brewster Services Group. **John Evans made a motion to accept the offer and amended that the LCEDA staff will deal with all development and covenants unless an issue occurs where the board's approval is needed, the motion was seconded by Bruce Giles. All approved.**

Centre 75 Commercial Tract Covenants Review

The Drive-In Theatre located in Centre 75 has asked to construct a black galvanized 6 foot chain linked fence with a screen to place around the property. **John Evans made a motion to give Jack Qualls the authority to make decisions involving the theatre, seconded by Amber Scott-Kelso. All approved.**

Project Report

Jack Qualls stated that there will be a prospect that manufactures R&D Coating and Paint Products coming into town next week. He also gave updates on the Site Development grant application, recent partnership with Centro Hispano, Queener Road, Simpson Road, and CMAQ in Lenoir City and City of Loudon.

Additional Business

Jack Qualls proposed that the LCEDA begin to charge application fees for the administration and work put into new projects incentives and development. He recommended a \$2,500 application fee to go into the LCEDA bank account which is in line with all other surrounding counties. **Amber Scott-Kelso approved the application and administration fee, seconded by John Evans. All approved.**

With no further business Jeff Harris made a motion to adjourn, motion carried.

Blair Patterson

Blair Patterson, Recording Secretary