

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

**The following members were present:** Mayor Jeff Harris, Mayor Tony Aikens, and John Evans

**Also present were:** BOD Members Eddie Simpson, Harold Duff, Bruce Giles, and George Bove; Ex-Officio members Shannon Littleton, Rodney Grugin, Ty Ross, and Amber Scott-Kelso; and LCEDA staff members Jack Qualls and Blair Patterson

Vice-Chairman Jeff Harris called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

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

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

**FY 2019-2020 Audit**

The LCEDA received their financial audit back for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, concluding there were no findings. **John Evans made a motion to recommend accepting the audit, seconded by Tony Aikens. All approved.**

**Consideration of Project Dealer Fast Track Grant**

Project Dealer has been offered the opportunity to receive a one-million-dollar fast track grant through the state. The EDA would have to act as the pass-through account for this grant being the conduit between the state and Project dealer. Jack Qualls asked for approval to allow the LCEDA to be the pass through for these dollars. **John Evans made a motion to recommend the LCEDA being the pass through for the Project Dealer Fast Track Grant funds, seconded by Tony Aikens. All approved.**

**TN ECD 2021 Site Development Grants**

Jack Qualls presented this year's site development grant opportunities offered through the State of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. Jack would like to focus on Centre 75 properties looking into partnering with TVA and the State for lot developments as well as creating pad sites. **Tony Aikens made a motion to recommend taking this agenda item to the full board, seconded by John Evans. All approved.**

**Centre 75 Tract Letter of Intent**

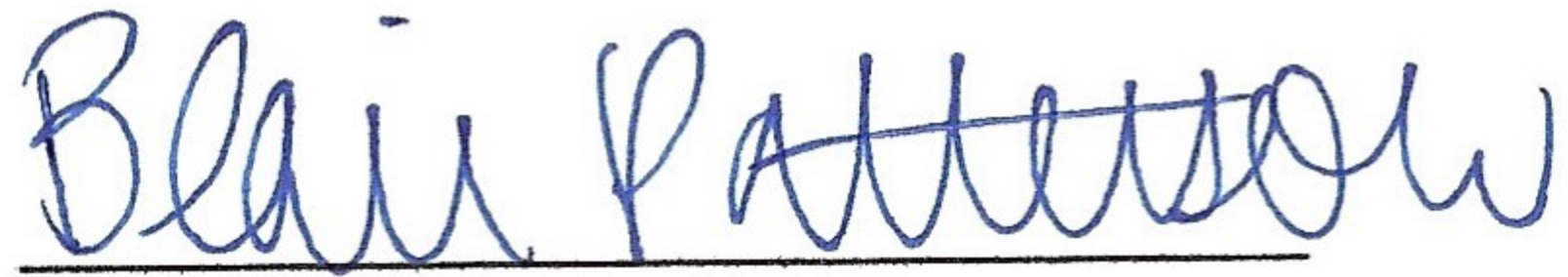
The LCEDA has received a letter of intent to purchase a 1.6 acre lot at Centre 75 to open a fast food restaurant. Jack asked the board for approval to work with the business and developers on this project. **Tony Aikens made a motion to recommend the approval of Jack Qualls working with the business and developers relating to the sale of the Centre 75 lot, seconded by John Evans. All approved.**



**Additional Business**

Tony Aikens asked to add the LCEDA support for development and PILOTs in the City of Lenoir City to the agenda – stating the EDA Board can give full support to residential growth in the community. **Tony Aikens made a motion to recommend the LCEDA Board give full support to residential growth, seconded by John Evans. All approved.**

With no further business, **John Evans make a motion to adjourn seconded by Tony Aikens, all approved.**



Blair Patterson, Recording Secretary