

**HART COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**December 12, 2011**

**The Hart County Industrial Building Authority met for the quarterly meeting on December 12, 2011 at 5:00 pm at the Hart County Library on Benson Street in Hartwell.**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Doug Cleveland. In addition to Chairman Cleveland, others attending were County Commissioner Chairman Brandon Johnson, Chamber of Commerce Chairman Bill Leard, Mayor Jennifer Scott, Economic Developer Dwayne Dye, Attorney Ed Ridgway and M. S. Smith, secretary.**

**Chairman Cleveland welcomed Lauren Peeples of The Hartwell Sun.**

**On a motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mayor Scott, the minutes of the September 26, 2011 meeting were approved.**

**A review of the depository accounts and loan balance of the Authority was presented by Ms. Smith and accepted. A copy is attached.**

**REPORT FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPER**

**Mr. Dye reported that an apprenticeship program is being developed by SD Automotive with Hart County High School.**

**The public hearing regarding the USDA loan application for Gateway III was held on November 30, 2011.**

**The RITZ EIP loan has been closed out.**

**Mr. Dye attended a recent economic developers meeting. Federal programs and funding were part of the discussions.**

**He also attended a Tri-County Manufacturer's meeting on November 11, 2011.**

**Mr. Dye reported that there continues to be healthy project activity in our area.**

**REPORT FROM AUTHORITY ATTORNEY**

**Attorney Ridgway reported that his office is awaiting an original copy of the lease for SD Automotive which must be executed by year end.**

**They are also waiting on descriptions of leased equipment from AgStrong Oils as well as additional information from Hart AgStrong in order to complete the leases by year end.**

**A 60 day eviction notice was mailed to the individual living on the Gateway III property. This notice will expire January 2, 2012.**

**The Bank of America account we have been seeking to close should now in fact be closed.**

**The MOU for Project Ethanol is not complete.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Mr. Cleveland updated the authority on progress with NGN High Speed Broadband initiative.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**On a motion by Mr. Leard and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Doug Cleveland was elected to serve as Chairman of the Authority for 2012. On a motion by Mr. Leard and seconded by Mayor Scott, M. S. Smith was elected corporate secretary and treasurer. Due to the change in representation in January from the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Commissioners, election of vice chairman will take place in March 2012.**

**Chairman Cleveland moved the appointment of Ridgway and Ridgway as legal counsel to the authority. Mr. Johnson seconded this motion which passed unanimously.**

**At the recommendation of Chairman Cleveland, the firm of Wayne Bowen was appointed as auditor for the Authority.**

**Future meeting dates of March 26, 2012, June 25, 2012, September 24, 2012 and December 17, 2012 to be held at 5:00 pm at the Hart County Library on Benson Street were approved on a motion by Mayor Scott and seconded by Mr. Johnson.**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.**

**M. S. Smith  
Secretary**