

**The Joint Development Authority  
of  
Franklin, Hart, and Stephens Counties**

---

To:                    \*Cary Bennett                    \* Roy Crocker                    Don Foster  
                          \* Shuratt Whitworth            \*Doug Cleveland                \* Dean Scarborough  
                          \* Vernon Cape                    \*Vernon Edwards  
                          \*Ralph Owens                    \*Bill Leard                        \*Cam Parker

(\*)Denotes those in attendance

---

Also Attending:    Lyn Allen                            Dwayne Dye                        Tim Martin  
                          Jack Edmunds

From:                Michael Crump, Recording Secretary

Date:                October 19, 2009

Subject:            Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting – July 27, 2009

---

The Joint Development Authority of Franklin, Hart and Stephens Counties met at 211 Main Street Restaurant in Lavonia at 6:00pm on July 27, 2009.

- I.        Call to Order- The April meeting of the Joint Development Authority was called to order by Chairman Cary Bennett.
  
- II.       Introductions – Chairman Bennett welcomed Michelle Doster, with the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, and asked Bill Leard to introduce his guest. Bill introduced Niki Knox, community economic development consultant, with the Georgia EMC Economic Development Group.
  
- III.      Nominating Committee - Cam Parker, chairman of the committee, along with Vernon Cape and Roy Crocker presented a slate of officers for the 2009/2010 year. Those nominated were Doug Cleveland; Chairman, Cary Bennett; Vice-Chairman, Bill Leard; Secretary, and Jack Edmunds (non-member); Treasurer. Chairman Bennett asked if there were any other nominations and there were

none. Dean Scarborough made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ralph Owens. The motion carried.

Chairman Bennett handed over the leadership of the meeting to the new chairman, Doug Cleveland.

IV. Invocation – Given by Vernon Cape

V. Dinner

VI. Minutes – Chairman Cleveland asked those present to review the minutes of the April 27, 2009 meeting. No corrections or changes requested. The minutes were approved as presented.

VII Financial Reports – Treasurer Edmunds provided an update of the current Financial status

**Current Balances:**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Gateway Major Construction Account:                                  | \$275,466.19 |
| Operating Account:   | \$32,315.12  |
| USDA Debt Service Reserve Account (10% of payment on USDA CFL Loan): | \$20,573.61  |
| Special Account (Checking)   | \$4,214.70   |
| Special Account (Cert. of Deposit)                                   | \$20,000.00  |

**Loan Status:**

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| USDA CFL Loan:            | \$470,259.25 Balance |
| Hart EMC USDA REDLG Loan: | \$87,499.71 Balance  |

VIII Old Business

MEGA RAMP updates were given for Franklin and Hart Counties.

OneGeorgia Grant:

Jack Edmunds reported the rail spur construction had been completed. As soon as grass planted on the disturbed area has germinated the engineers will be able to issue their final report and funds can be drawn from OneGeorgia. A final report should be ready by our next meeting.

JDA Marketing Materials: Lyn Allen reported that she and Michelle Doster had updated information and that it is ready to be sent to Georgia Power for printing.

Chairman Cleveland asked for any other old business. There was none.

IX New Business-

FYE 6/30/10 Budget: Treasurer Edmunds presented the proposed budget, that must be submitted to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Treasurer Edmunds answered any questions regarding the budget. Vernon Edwards made a motion that the budget be accepted as presented with a second by Cary Bennett. The budget was accepted. A copy is attached as a part of these minutes.

**Gateway Fire Protection Agreement:** Dwayne reported that an agreement is being prepared between the City of Lavonia and Gateway for fire protection to be provided by the Lavonia Fire Department and back-up to be provided by the Shoal Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. With Lavonia FD providing service the ISO rating will meet the advertised rate for Gateway. Dwayne asked that the chairman be allowed to sign the agreement when it is ready. Roy Crocker made the motion to allow Chairman Cleveland to sign the agreement on behalf of the JDA. Vernon Cape seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Check Signing Resolution:** Bank resolutions were presented authorizing signatures on the Authority accounts. The chairman recommended we continue requiring two signatures on checks and that any two of the four officers be authorized to sign. On a motion by Cam Parker, seconded by Mayor Ralph Owens the recommendation was approved. The motion also authorized the secretary to certify these requirements to the banks as they might require.

**Project Developer's Caravan:** Lyn Allen reported that the State project managers caravan is scheduled for September 1, 2009. The managers will visit sites in Franklin, Hart and Stephens Counties that morning with lunch being provided.

**Work Ready Report:** Lyn reported that Franklin County has received their State Certification. Tim Martin reported that Stephens County has almost reached the 95% to attain certification. Dwayne reported that Hart County has attained the Community of Excellence designation by the state

Chairman Cleveland asked if there was any other new business. There was none.

X County Reports:

Franklin County: Lyn Allen gave an update on activity and projects in Franklin County.

Hart County: Dwayne Dye reported on activities in Hart County

Stephens County: Cam Parker reported on activities in Stephens Counties

XI Other Business and Announcements:

Authority Training: The JDA members are 100% trained to date.

Public Notice of Meeting: Jack Edmunds has posted the meeting notices in the county newspapers, and a copy of the notices was given to the members.

Cost of Meals at Quarterly Meetings: Cary Bennett reminded the members that the reserved number of meals must be paid for at our quarterly meetings and urged the members to give timely notification if they don't plan to attend.

Chairman Cleveland asked if there was any other business or announcements. There was none.

XII Adjournment: Chairman Doug Cleveland adjourned the meeting and announced the next regular meeting will be in Hart County on October 26, 2009 with the location to be announced.