

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

**December 10, 2018  
Hart County Library  
159 Benson, Street, Hartwell, Georgia**

**The quarterly meeting of the Hart County Industrial Building Authority was held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the meeting room of the Hart County Library on Benson Street in Hartwell, Georgia.**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Chairman Bill Leard. In addition to Chairman Leard, other authority members attending were Doug Cleveland, Joey Dorsey, Brandon Johnson and Kevin McCraney. Others attending were Robert E. Ridgway, Jr., Attorney; Dwayne Dye, Economic Developer; Terrell Partain, County Manager; Michael Isom, The Hartwell Sun and M. S. Smith, Secretary/Treasurer.**

**The minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Mayor Johnson and seconded by Doug Cleveland. The minutes of the called meeting of November 30, 2018 were approved on a motion by Mr. Cleveland and seconded by Mr. Dorsey.**

**Each member received a copy of the financial summary for the three months ending November 30, 2018. Mr. Dye explained that the payment to Hayes, James Engineers was related to the ARC Grant for the sewer system. Mr. Dorsey made a motion to accept the financial report as presented subject to audit. Mr. McCraney seconded the motion and it passed.**

**Mr. McCraney reported for the Chamber of Commerce that the annual tree lighting was a success and that the Christmas Parade was moved to another date due to conflicts. He reported that a job fair was held in partnership with the IBA.**

**Mr. Dorsey commented on the success of the job fair. He reported on a meeting with Lavonia officials where the IBA was asked for support of \$200,000 with the sewer project. Mr. Dorsey also commented that he would like to see a report showing the budget and expenditures for SPLOST. Mr. Dye will provide this information.**

**Mayor Johnson reported that they are still getting inquiries about new businesses.**

**Mr. Dye recognized Mr. Cleveland as his term ends and commended him for his service to the IBA for many years. Mr. Leard added his appreciation for Mr. Cleveland's service and specifically for being instrumental in hiring Mr. Dye as Economic Developer.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**The ARC contract has been signed and returned.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Acting as Chairman, Mr. Dorsey presented Bill Leard to be re-appointed for another term and Kevin McCraney as the At Large member to replace Doug Cleveland. Mr. Johnson made the motion to accept these appointments, Mr. Dorsey seconded and the motion passed. The new Chamber of Commerce president for 2019 will automatically become a member on January 1, 2019.**

**Mr. Dye reported that the Work Keys Program activity has declined to the point a tutor is no longer necessary so support of that program will end December 31, 2018.**

**Mr. Ridgway gave an update on Milbro and reported that the lien against Haering has been settled. He asked for authority to defend a lawsuit filed against Ritz. Mr. McCraney made a motion giving this authority, Mr. Dorsey seconded the motion and it passed.**

**Mr. Dye reported that the Haering Board from Germany has visited the site. A motion was passed to say "The IBA has no objection to them occupying the building without a certification of occupancy but the IBA will bear no responsibility". Mr. Dorsey made the motion and Mr. Cleveland seconded. Mr. Dye will draft a letter to Haering.**

**Mr. Dye said Pat Goran, Hart County Water Authority, has been asked to oversee the ARC project and he will consider doing so.**

**Mr. Dye reported that the Archway Partnership will explore signage lighting possibilities at Gateway I. The other two parks could also benefit from new lighting.**

**Mr. Dye reported that new activity is somewhat slow due to low unemployment rate.**

**Mr. Ridgway reported that he had spoken with attorney for Tenneco regarding an Estoppel Agreement. He sees no reason we should not agree to do this. A motion by Mr. Cleveland seconded by Mr. Johnson passed giving Mr. Leard authority to sign with Mr. Ridgway's recommendation.**

**The next meeting was announced for March 25, 2019.**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.**

**M. S. Smith  
Secretary**

