

**JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF  
FRANKLIN, HART AND STEPHENS COUNTIES**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**April 27, 2015**

**The quarterly meeting of the Joint Development Authority of Franklin, Hart and Stephens Counties was held on Monday April 27, 2015 at the Toccoa City Pool House on Doyle Street in Toccoa, Georgia.**

**Members present were: Cary Bennett, Vernon Cape, Doug Cleveland, Roy Crocker, Vernon Edwards, Bob Evans, Don Foster, Bill Leard, Ralph Owens, Greg Roach, and Dean Scarborough. Also present were: Economic Developers, Dwayne Dye, Frank Ginn and Tim Martin; Attorneys Andrea Grant and Walter Gordon; Treasurer Jack Edmunds and Secretary M. S. Smith. Guests were Nick Martin and Kevin McCraney, Georgia Power; Ilika McConnell, Archway Partnership; Terry Carter, Mayor of Toccoa, Phyllis Ayers, Stephens County Government, Billy Morse, City of Toccoa and Kathy Papa, Georgia Department of Community Affairs.**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Doug Cleveland. Chairman Cleveland welcomed everyone and guests were introduced.**

**Tim Martin called on Mayor Terry Carter to give a history of the renovation of the pool house**

**Vernon Edwards gave an invocation and dinner followed.**

**The minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting were approved following a motion by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Evans.**

**Mr. Edmunds presented the financial summary as of March 31, 2015. On a motion by Mr. Scarborough and seconded by Mr. Leard, this report was unanimously accepted.**

**Chairman Cleveland gave an update on the landscaping project at the Gateway I entrance. It is almost complete and the new sign will be installed soon which will reflect the change of the name of the industrial park to The Crossings.**

**Chairman Cleveland recognized the re-appointment of Vernon Cape and Gerald Voyles to the authority representing Franklin County.**

**Chairman Cleveland appointed a nominating committee of Cary Bennett, Bill Leard and Dean Scarborough to report at the July meeting.**

**A request asking the JDA for a Letter of Support from the City of Jefferson regarding a grant application for expansion of their industrial park was denied on a vote of eight to two.**

**Mr. Ginn asked for a resolution authorizing the chairman to move forward with promoting the rail connection of the Hartwell Railroad to CSX. On a motion by Mayor**