



# SCREVEN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**Screven County Development Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 28, 2015**

**Members Present:** David Boddiford, Ricky McGhee, Todd Bazemore, Davy Wells, John Mark Counts, Stephen Milner

**Others Present:**

Roland Stubbs, County Liaison  
Regina Morgan and Joey Newsome, Peeples Industries  
Mayor Margaret Evans and Stacy Mathis, City of Sylvania  
Brian Stone, Sylvania Telephone Newspaper  
Dorie Bacon, Executive Director

Vice-Chairman David Boddiford called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. Todd Bazemore gave an invocation

**Approval of Minutes:**

Ricky McGhee made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented, Stephen Milner seconded, passed unanimously

**Approval of Financials:**

John Mark Counts made a motion to approve the March financials as presented, Todd Bazemore seconded, passed unanimously

**Director's Report:**

Executive Director Dorie Bacon reported on recent prospect activity and RFI submissions. She also thanked everyone for cooking, serving, etc. at the recent Industry Appreciation event.

**New Business:**

**Peeples Industries, Inc.:** Regina Morgan of Peeples Industries, Inc., which has a new operation in Sylvania, gave a presentation about the company and their plans for the Sylvania site. She informed the board that Peeples celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> year in business in January and is a family-owned operation. The Sylvania site provides wood chips for Cogent Fibre, which exports out of Peeples' marine terminal to Turkey. Peeples owns the largest export wood terminal in the world at their Savannah site. The initial project investment is \$1.5 million in equipment and 5 full-time employees. They are buying local wood and currently looking for 2 new employees. Their goal is to have 120 truckloads of chips per week in and out of the Sylvania operation.

**Board Planning Session:** The board was presented with two sets of dates (August 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> or September 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>) for an FY 16 planning retreat. The general consensus was to pick



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August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Dorie Bacon said she would inform Pat Merritt and would have proposals from host properties at the next meeting.

**Reappointments:** Dorie Bacon mentioned that the terms of Todd Bazemore, David Boddiford, and John Mark Counts would be expiring in June 2015. She asked for the board's approval to send a recommendation letter to the Screven County Board of Commissioners that these board members be reappointed.

Ricky McGhee made a motion to ask the board of commissioners to reappoint Todd Bazemore, David Boddiford, and John Mark Counts to the SCDA Board, Stephen Milner seconded, passed unanimously

**Old Business:**

**Industry Appreciation Event & Project Manager Breakfast:** Dorie Bacon asked if there was any input or comments regarding the recent Industry Appreciation Dinner or Project Manager Breakfast. Todd Bazemore said he appreciated the regional cooperation with Bulloch and Evans Counties at the Project Manager Breakfast and thought it was well received.

**Other Comments:**

Mayor Evans and Commissioner Stubbs expressed their appreciation to Peebles Industries for choosing Screven County for their new operation.

David Boddiford adjourned the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Dorie Bacon**