



SCREVEN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**Screven County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
January 24, 2017**

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

Others Present:

Enoch Autry, Sylvania Telephone Newspaper
Dorie Bacon, Executive Director
Stacy Mathis, City of Sylvania
Mayor Preston Dees, City of Sylvania

Bobby Smith called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. and gave a brief invocation. He asked everyone to remember the victims of the recent storms in South Georgia in their prayers.

Approval of Minutes:

Davy Wells made a motion to approve the November 2016 minutes as presented, Stephen Milner seconded, passed unanimously

Approval of Financials:

Ricky McGhee made a motion to approve the November and December 2016 financials as presented, Todd Bazemore seconded, passed unanimously

Director's Report:

Executive Director Dorie Bacon reported on recent activities with Projects Chandelier and Imperiale. She also mentioned recent changes at EMC and ECG and encouraged board members to thank Planters EMC for their sponsorship of a web portal for the Dallas consultants trip as well as the upcoming CEDOP for elected officials.

Old Business:

Dallas Consultants Visit: The board was reminded of the upcoming joint trip to call on consultants in Dallas. Bulloch, Burke and Screven Counties will be represented as well as Georgia Southern, GEMC, and ECG.



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New Business:

Chamber Banquet: Bobby reminded the board of the upcoming Chamber annual banquet planned for January 31st. Dorie Bacon passed out tickets to those attending.

Phase II GRAD Site Permits: Dorie Bacon informed the group that the corps of engineers approved moving forward with the construction of wetlands crossings in Phase II of the GRAD Site. She obtained a land disturbance permit on behalf of the authority and Wesley Parker is moving forward with bidding out the project.

CEDOP March 29th: Dorie Bacon informed the group that GEMC's Community & Economic Development Team would be providing an economic development overview for elected officials from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on March 29th. Bacon will kick off the event with a presentation regarding the recent accomplishments of the authority and the general structure and responsibilities of SCDA.

BBRED Manufacturing Impact Summary: The group was shown an example of a manufacturing impact summary for Bulloch County created for the Development Authority of Bulloch County by Georgia Southern's Bureau of Business Research and Development. BBRED provided a proposal for creating a similar promotional piece for Screven County. The group thought it would be good information for the community regarding the importance of manufacturing.

Stephen Milner made a motion to move forward with the project, approving a cost of \$1844 for the completed project, Ricky McGhee seconded, passed unanimously

Product Development Committee: Chairman Bobby Smith appointed Todd Bazemore and John Mark Counts to serve on a special committee to look at industrial product development moving forward. The group will begin with fact finding trips in February.

Steve Mock Hourly Rate: Chairman Bobby Smith asked for an official vote regarding an increase of \$1 per hour in Steve Mock's compensation.



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Stephen Milner made a motion to approve the increase in compensation, David Boddiford seconded, passed unanimously.

Chairman Bobby Smith recognized Jennifer Fordham of DCA and thanked her for her attendance.

Chairman Bobby Smith called the meeting to a close at 8:31 a.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Dorie Bacon**