



SCREVEN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**Screven County Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
January 26, 2016**

Members Present: Bobby Smith, Ricky McGhee, Davy Wells, John Mark Counts, Todd Bazemore, Stephen Milner (via conference call)

Others Present:

Brian Stone, Sylvania Telephone Newspaper
Dorie Bacon, Executive Director
Preston Dees, Mayor of Sylvania

Bobby Smith called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and gave a brief invocation.

Approval of Minutes:

Ricky McGhee made a motion to approve the December 2015 minutes as presented, Davy Wells seconded, passed unanimously

Approval of Financials:

John Mark Counts made a motion to approve the November and December 2015 financials as presented, Todd Bazemore seconded, passed unanimously

Director's Report:

Executive Director Dorie Bacon reported on recent activities with Project Chitin and SV Pittie.

Old Business:

OTC Industrial Maintenance Training Program: After discussions with industries and the Development Authority of Bulloch County, it was decided meetings would be initiated to discuss the future of the program and how to grow value for existing manufacturers and the workforce.

New Business:

Georgia Economic Development Certification: Bacon informed the board that the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia is now offering a path to Georgia specific economic development certification as part of



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an initiative alongside the Georgia Economic Developers Association. The first class will be in March in Macon at an approximate cost of \$300. The group approved Bacon attending the training.

The board entered Executive Session at 8:35 a.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

The board exited Executive Session at 9:22 a.m. It was decided that the board would implement a similar maternity leave policy to that used by Planters Telephone Company. It was also determined that the board would request Steve Mock keep the office open on Fridays while Bacon is on maternity leave.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Dorie Bacon**