

**The Joint Development Authority
of
Franklin, Hart, and Stephens Counties**

To: *Cary Bennett *Roy Crocker Don Foster
 *Shuratt Whitworth *Doug Cleveland * Dean Scarborough
 * Vernon Cape * Vernon Edwards ~~*Bob Deffenbaugh~~
 Ralph Owens *Bill Leard *Cam Parker

(*Denotes those in attendance)

Also Attending: Lyn Allen Dwayne Dye Tim Martin
 Jack Edmunds Walter Gordon

From: Michael Crump, Recording Secretary

Date: April 20 , 2009

Subject: Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting – January 26, 2009

The Joint Development Authority of Franklin, Hart and Stephens Counties met at Fletcher's Restaurant in Hartwell at 6:00pm on January 26, 2009.

- I. Call to Order- The Authority was advised that Jack Edmunds term on the Authority had expired. Under the by-laws, Vice-Chairman Cary Bennett will assume the chairmanship for the remainder of this fiscal year (ending June 30, 2009). Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Edmunds to remain as (non-'member) treasurer for the remainder of the fiscal year and he agreed subject to the vote of the Authority. He also asked Mr. Edmunds to facilitate the evening's business since the agenda had already been prepared.

- II. Introductions – Jack Edmunds introduced and welcomed the new board members present. Doug Cleveland (replacing Jack Edmunds) representing Hart County and Dean Scarborough (replacing Ron Barker) representing Stephens County.

Mr. Barker was recognized for his years of service to the Authority. He was to receive a plaque in recognition of his service but was unable to attend the meeting because of illness. Tim Martin accepted the plaque in his absence and will deliver it to Mr. Barker.

III. Discussion of Officers for remainder of Fiscal Year – Cary Bennett will fill the position of chairman and Bill Leard will continue as secretary. There is no need to fill the vice-chair position. Bob Defenbaugh made a motion to appoint Jack Edmunds as treasurer with Bill Leard seconding the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Invocation: Given by Doug Cleveland.

V. Minutes - Treasurer Edmunds asked those present to review the minutes of the October 27, 2008 meeting. No corrections or changes requested. The minutes were approved as presented.

VI Financial Reports – Treasurer Edmunds provided an update of the current Financial status

Current Balances:

Gateway Major Construction Account:	\$279,636.10
Operating Account:	\$18,428.14
USDA Debt Service Reserve Account (10% of payment on USDA CFL Loan):	\$17,693.42
Special Account (Checking)	\$4,882.70
Special Account (Cert. of Deposit)	\$20,000.00

Loan Status:

USDA CFL Loan:	\$470,259.68 Balance
Hart EMC USDA REDLG Loan:	\$112,499.73 Balance

VI. Old Business- MEGA RAMP updates were given for Franklin and Hart Counties.

OneGeorgia Grant:

Jack Edmunds gave an update on the Rail Spur Grant awarded to the Authority by OneGeorgia Authority. The amount of the grant is \$235,807, with the balance of construction costs to be the responsibility of Quality Industries, the primary beneficiary of the spur. Construction bids will be advertised this week with the bid opening scheduled for March 4, 2009.

There will be a called meeting of the Authority on March 11, 2009 at 2:00 pm at Northeast Georgia Bank in Lavonia to receive the recommendation of the engineering firm and to award the bid. The administration of the grant will be handled by Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center.

Attorney Walter Gordon presented a resolution allowing the Authority to enter into a contract with Quality Industries covering their responsibilities under the grant award. On a motion by Vernon Edwards, seconded by Bob Defenbaugh, the motion was approved unanimously. A copy of the resolution is attached to, and is a part of, these minutes.

There was a discussion of the conditions of the grant and questions of Attorney Gordon regarding some of the issues, especially those of potential liability on the part of the Authority. Mr. Gordon assured the Authority that all liability issues would be covered under the contract.

Treasurer Edmunds asked for any other old business. There was none.

- VII. New Business- JDA Marketing Materials – After discussion on updating the current marketing materials Cary Bennett will approach Georgia Power for help with the new materials. The board will look at costs before going forward.

CSX Connection – Lyn Allen gave an update on the project. Lyn will meet with the Hartwell Railroad owner soon to discuss the status of the project.

Treasurer Edmunds asked if there was any other new business. There was none.

- VIII. County Reports:

Franklin County: Lyn Allen gave an update on activity and projects in Franklin County.

Hart County: Dwayne Dye reported on activities in Hart County

Stephens County: Tim Martin reported on activities in Stephens Counties

- IX. Other Business:

Treasurer Edmunds asked if there was any other business or announcements. There was none.

- X. Adjournment: Chairman Cary Bennett adjourned the meeting and announced the next regular meeting to be in Stephens County on April 27, 2009 with the location to be announced.