

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

October 26, 2009

The Joint Development Authority of Franklin, Hart and Stephens Counties met for the quarterly meeting on October 26, 2009 at Fletcher's Restaurant in Hartwell.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Doug Cleveland. Attending were authority members Cary Bennett, Vernon Cape, Ralph Owens, Shuratt Whitworth, Roy Crocker, Bill Leard, Dean Scarborough, Don Foster, Cam Parker, and Doug Cleveland. Also attending were Lyn Allen, Dwayne Dye, Tim Martin, Jack Edmunds, Walter Gordon, Dan Reyen. Chairman Cleveland introduced Mr. Bob Evans, new member from Stephens County and Pudge Smith who will be the new recording secretary.

Invocation was given by Dwayne Dye.

The minutes of the July 27, 2009 were approved.

Treasurer Jack Edmunds reviewed the financial information and asked for questions. On a motion by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Scarborough, this report was accepted. A copy is attached.

Old Business

Dwayne Dye reported on progress with the Mega-Ramp for Hart County. Cary Bennett reported for Franklin County. Tim Martin reported for Stephens County on the possibility of a project in that county.

Mr. Edmunds reported for the Rail Spur that the project is complete, all money drawn down and contractors have been paid.

Tim Martin gave an update on marketing materials and passed around a brochure asking for changes and/or corrections. The economic developers will continue to work on this seeking printing costs and developing a distribution list.

Mr. Dye reported for the Work Ready program that a filming crew has visited Hartwell to produce material to present to the Governor's luncheon on November 2. He also reported that over 1,000 certificates have been achieved.

Ms. Allen reported that Franklin County is starting Phase II of Work Ready and they will also be attending the Governor's luncheon on November 2.

Mr. Martin reported for Stephens County that they are nearing 1,000 in certificates and their graduation rate is now 78.6.

Mr. Dye reported that he continues to work on the Gateway Fire Protection Agreement.

It was reported that approximately 18 attended the Project Developer's Caravan and was deemed successful.

New Business

Mr. Dye reported the quarterly Tri-County Manufacturer's Council had to be post-poned and will meet soon and possibly combine with Human Resource Manager's Council.

Other Reports

Mr. Martin reported on activity and projects in Stephens County citing one small expansion.

Ms. Allen reported for Franklin County that Leadership Franklin is almost ready to graduate.

Mr. Dye reported on the GEDA Conference in Savannah which all 3 economic developers attended. He said this provided good opportunities for net working. He also reported on other activity in Hart County.

Chairman Cleveland commended Mr. Dye on his efforts in keeping the Tenneco plant in Hartwell open.

Mr. Gordon commended Hart County for its hard work in obtaining a recent round of stimulus money.

Chairman Cleveland announced the next meeting for January 25, 2010 in Stephens County at Cornerstone Restaurant.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

**M. S. Smith
Recording Secretary**