

THOMASTON-UPSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2021 (ANNUAL) BOARD MEETING  
CITY/COUNTY MEETING ROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Norman Allen  
Steve Rush  
J. D. Stallings  
Chase Fallin  
Matt Smith  
Lonnie Joyce

OTHERS PRESENT

Kyle Fletcher, Executive Director  
Johnnie Caldwell, Attorney  
Susan Hill, IDA Assistant

GUESTS

Bridge Turner, Upson Beacon  
Dave Piper, WTGA

CALL TO ORDER, APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Caldwell administered the oath of office to Matt Smith, who was appointed from County of Upson for a two (2) year term, and Lonnie Joyce, who was appointed from the City of Thomaston to serve the remaining (1) year term on the IDA board for Carson Gleaton, who resigned effective December 2020.

ELECTION OF OFFICERStheir

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fallin and approved to appoint Mr. Rush as 2021 chairman.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Stallings and seconded by Mr. Allen and approved to appoint Mr. Fallin as vice-chair.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Fallin and seconded by Mr. Joyce and approved to reappoint Mrs. Fletcher as secretary/treasurer

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fallin and approved to appoint Mr. Smith to the West Central GA Joint Authority. Upson along with Lamar and Pike Counties qualifies to add an additional \$500.00 credit for new jobs creation by belonging to a JDA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Allen seconded by Mr. Fallin and approved to accept the November 23, 2020 board minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Fallin, seconded by Mr. Stallings, and approved to accept the November and December 2020 financial reports.

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BUSINESS

1. Directors Report

Mrs. Fletcher met with Robert Haney (IT Director for Upson County) to discuss fiber in our community. This is one of the action items from our retreat and we will have a follow-up meeting in two weeks to discuss becoming a "Broadband Ready Community".

Windstream boring at the CGB&T Park will take place 1/12, the fiber will be placed 1/13 and the splicing will be done by 1/15. We are now advertising having Windstream fiber in our park. Windstream paid for the RR permit, which was about \$25,000.

2. Johnnie Caldwell Engagement Letter

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Fallin, seconded by Mr. Allen and approved to adopt Mr. Caldwell's service agreement.

3. IDA Personnel Policy Review

A discussion was held concerning the IDA personnel policy. The policy was approved in 2004 and needs updating. Mr. Allen and Mr. Stallings asked Mrs. Fletcher to send the policy to the county and city HR managers for their review.

4. KJK Holding, LLC Agreement Extension

No extension discussion is necessary. The closing is set for January 30, 2021.

5. Livestreaming of IDA Meetings

A discussion concerning livestreaming of the IDA board meeting was held. A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Stallings and approved to place the minutes and the agenda on the IDA website. To conduct business as usual and not to livestream the meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board decided to advertise in the Upson Beacon to lease acreage in the Central GA. Business Park this year.

Next Meeting Date, February 22, 2021

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Elisabeth K. Fletcher