

THOMASTON-UPSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2021 BOARD MEETING CITY/COUNTY MEETING ROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Norman Allen
Chase Fallin
Matt Smith
Lonnie Joyce
Steve Rush

OTHERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Dave Piper, WTGA Radio
Mark Andrews, Southern Crescent

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Rush at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fallin, and approved to accept the April Minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Fallin, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and approved to accept the April Financial Reports.

BUSINESS

1. Directors Report

Charles Gilbert with McLeRoy Rentals, LLC is in the process of working with the architect and design with the FF&E company. Their financing should be coming together in the next month as well.

Chairman Allen, Commissioner Watson and Mrs. Fletcher met with Mark Compton (Kinetic/Windstream) about fiber connectivity around Upson County. Mr. Compton said they are committed to partnering with us on a timeframe and providing cost estimates for county-wide fiber. Mr. Compton also said that a second line (redundant line) was provided for United Teleports but the company requested an additional line. Kinetic would provide that third line if United Teleports wants to pay for it.

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2. IDA Update (Spring/Summer 2021)

Mrs. Fletcher gave a PowerPoint presentation to the board and Community Relations Committee and will present to the School Board, County Commission and City Council. The subject is lack of people filling available jobs and what initiatives are out there that we can use to better develop our workforce in our area.

3. Project Echo Agreement

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Fallin, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved to execute an agreement with RARE Hospitality International, Inc. RARE intends to build and operate a food service restaurant.

The incentive and performance grant shall be paid as follows:

- a. Year One – Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) payable to RARE upon the opening of the business with a minimum of twenty-five (25) employees.
- b. Year Two - Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) payable to RARE upon the first anniversary of the opening of the restaurant and with a minimum of twenty-five (25) employees.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 28, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Elisabeth K. Fletcher, Secretary