# THOMASTON-UPSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2021 BOARD MEETING CITY/COUNTY MEETING ROOM

# **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

# **OTHERS PRESENT**

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

# **GUESTS**

Dave Piper, WTGA Radio Mark Andrews, Southern Crescent Russell Thompson (City Manager) Taylor Smith, City's ED Coordinator

#### 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 May Minutes.

# **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

# **BUSINESS**

# 1. Directors Report

We received an RFP from Georgia EMC for Project Juniper as a project in the CRB&T Park. Susan and I are working to complete the questions and return it to the project manager. This project is projecting creating 100 jobs and a \$100 M investment. Sandra Yang, Project Manager, for the State is also involved.

Mr. Fletcher attended the June 22<sup>nd</sup> County Commission meeting to advocate for the Rural Broadband Designation and update to the comprehensive plan. The commissioners also discussed the sewer capacity at the CGB&T Park and Ranew's current need for more sewer capacity.

Mrs. Fletcher will be having a Zoom meeting with Cardno regarding the Brownfield sites and we will be removing 325 Goodrich since it is no longer under consideration for the Justice Center.

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2. IDA, City and County Debt Collection Agreement 2017

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Fallin, second by Mr. Joyce with Mr. Allen opposed for a 4 to 1 approval to ask the City and County for an extension to the debt collection agreement. The agreement is set to expire on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022. The IDA will ask the city and county for a five-year agreement to commit to \$245,652 for non-operating expense contribution to our budget. Under current conditions, the language will have to be changed and debt collections removed since the debt has been paid-off. There was a discussion of providing the current commitments and an allocation for the future needs that the IDA feels it would require to provide incentives without having to ask the city and county for each time something arises. This "allocation" would be an amount much less than the "debt" amount but would be a reasonable fund for the IDA to work with. It would require a summary to substantiate the need.

3. <u>2022 Proposed Budget</u> No action was taken.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Elisabeth K. Fletcher

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth K. Fletcher, Secretary