

**HARRIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR SESSION**

March 12, 2019

6:00 PM

Members Present: Craig Greenhaw, Alan Feagin, Harry Lange, Mike Stewart, Gene Weldon. Members Absent: Harry Boyd, Charles Sweat, Mark Smith. Staff Present: Nancy McMichael, Recording Secretary.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Greenhaw called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 Regular Session was made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Feagin, and passed with three in favor (Lange, Feagin, Greenhaw), no opposition, and two abstention (Stewart and Weldon who were not present during the January 8 meeting).
3. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.** New members Mike Stewart and Gene Weldon were welcomed, introductions were made, and a brief review of the purpose of the Authority was given.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Chamber Publication Ad.** Discussion included that this will be the second of four issues of the Chamber publication; that in addition to a photo of the current Northwest Harris Business Park sign, may want to include library in third paragraph. Chairman Greenhaw indicated he will provide a photo of the sign to Mrs. McMichael.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Deed to Release ICCF Property.** Chairman Greenhaw said that in 2007 the Authority acquired title to ICCF (Callaway) property in connection with a tax abatement bond transaction; that the ICCF desires to sell one acre and a house located on Georgia Highway 116; and that John Taylor, County Attorney, had prepared the legal documents regarding the release of the house and one acre and had recommended approval of same. The motion to approve execution of the deed regarding the release of the house and one acre of land was made by Mr. Feagin, seconded by Mr. Lange, and passed unanimously. (Document can be found in "Miscellaneous Documents" file as DA MD#19-01.)
 - B. **Status of New Northwest Harris Business Park Sign.** Chairman Greenhaw said that a third sign is being installed at the Davidson Road entrance of the Northwest Harris Business Park and that action is needed regarding same on the construction drawing. Following discussion, the motion to approve the construction drawing was made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Feagin, and passed unanimously.
 - C. **Chamber State of the State Annual Event.** Mrs. McMichael said that Kim Tharp, President of the Chamber of Commerce, had requested that an invitation to the Chamber's annual State of the State Event be extended to the Authority; that such will take place at 7:30 AM on Wednesday, April 17, at Oakhurst Farms; that registration is \$20/person; and that members should contact the Chamber if they wish to attend.
 - D. **Airport Status.** Mr. Lange brought the Authority up to date regarding development at the Airport, and Mrs. McMichael said that the Airport Open House will be on May 4.

- E. **Ellerslie Park and Storm Damage.** Mr. Lange brought the Authority up to date on the damage sustained at Ellerslie Park as a result of the March 3 tornado, and Mrs. McMichael said that damages to the Lodge were estimated at approximately \$60,000.
 - F. **Broadband.** Discussion included that broadband is a factor regarding growth of the County; that there is one million dollars in the new SPLOST; that the County's terrain has a lot to do with the lack of broadband; that Georgia Power and AT&T are working on a system using existing lines; and that there is a bill in State Legislature regarding EMCs and broadband.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mr. Feagin, and passed unanimously.

Craig Greenhaw, Chairman

Prepared by:

Nancy McMichael, Recording Secretary