

**HARRIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR SESSION**

April 11, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Greenhaw, Harry Boyd, Rob Grant (arrived 6:11 p.m.), Chris Butzon (arrived 6:08 p.m.), Charles Sweat, Tommy Wright, Meghan Guenther, Mark Smith. Staff Present: Andrea Dzioba, Recording Secretary.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**. Chairman Greenhaw called the meeting to order.
2. **INTRODUCTION**. Chairman Greenhaw introduced the newest member, Meghan Guenther, to the Development Authority members and welcomed her to the group. Meghan Guenther provided the group with some information about herself.
3. **MINUTES**. The motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular Session was made by Mr. Sweat, seconded by Mr. Boyd, and passed unanimously.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Update on Northwest Harris Business Park Project**. Chairman Greenhaw brought the Development Authority up to date on the project. He stated that the erosion control measures have held up. He said that it is expected that there will be curb and gutter installed soon and that West Point will be doing the utilities.
  - B. **Economic Development Position**. Chairman Greenhaw advised that the Development Authority has the funding and agreement with the County. He informed that members that all of needed pieces are in place.
  - C. **Update on Economic Development Discussions**. Chairman Greenhaw and Mr. Sweat informed the members that the group is continuing to have discussion with Dr. Bridges from the Center for Rural Prosperity and that it is better to have a small pause with a more defined plan and that they do not want to set up someone to fail in the economic development position. Discussion included that there is currently a lack of definition; that a job description will go out to all members; that there is uncertainty about impact fees; that a concrete plan is needed for the economic development position; that possibly 5% of hotel/motel tax will go to the Chamber and maybe 3% to the economic development position; that they will have to prioritize (e.g., sewer, broadband, tourism); that overtime the Development Authority will have a source of revenue; and that they will continue through the process to obtain parameters. Mr. Sweat stated that they are working toward having a concrete plan in place. Chairman Greenhaw believes that it will take several months to get something pulled together. Mr. Grant advised that he had approached Dr. Bridges to see how they could help. He advised that Dr. Bridges would like to have a base here due to the success of Mercer Med and that in order to be successful that all groups need to work together.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Craig Greenhaw, Chairman

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Andrea R. Dzioba, Recording Secretary