

MINUTES

PUTNAM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 14, 2013

Members Present: Lindsey, Nolan, Stevens, Sharp, Smith

Others Present: Blackwell, Gailey, Press, Steve Hersey, Stewart Rodeheaver, Bob Landau, Mark Smith, Michelle Bachtell, E. Fritzi, Jack Shenamon, Lou Benjamin

Call to Order-meeting was called to order by Chairman Lindsey. Welcomed everyone and called for introductions. Proceeded to New Business and ask Commissioner Hersey to make his presentation.

Minutes: A motion was made by Sharp and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes for December 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials: Financials for November and December were submitted. A motion was made by Sharp and seconded by Smith to accept both months. Motion passed unanimously.

Audit: Blackwell, Lindsey and Sharp reported on the draft of the audit. A couple of conditions were presented and some will be removed. New draft will be presented before it goes to commissioners. Copy attached.

Old Business

Election of 2013 Officers: A motion was made by Sharp and seconded by Smith for the following officers: Chairman-Lindsey, V. Chairman-Sharp, Sec./Tres.-Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

New office set up: Blackwell reported that Van Haute has assigned office space for the economic developer's office. Will be secure so boxes can be moved and stored.

Update of Technology Park: Construction has begun again. Work will depend on weather.

Georgia Power update: Lindsey reported that units 3 & 4 will close on April 16, 2015. Discussed water withdrawal permit and what it could mean to our community for industry. Will probably always remain a transmission hub.

Logistics Conference: March 19 & 20—Atlanta: Sharp will attend with new hiree.

New Business

Steve Hersey, Chairman of Commissioners: The commissioner asked that the PDA make hiring their full time director their top priority. Next Priority should be to approach Ga. Power about “gifting” their 3300 acres to the county to be used for an industrial park when they close units 3 & 4 in 2015

Presentation from TAH committee on Writers Museum in Old Jail: Benjamin, Rhodeheaver& Shenamon made presentation asking the authority to lease the Arts Committee/Artist Guild of TAH the old jail building for a writers museum. They would be part of “Southern Literacy Trail” running through several states and would draw both scholars, workshops and tourist to the area. Have commitments from Emory University and UGA to help with exhibits. They will create permanent jobs, be open full time (Wed-Sun), as well as other businesses to support the traffic. PDA members liked the presentation but stated that they did not own the building therefore they were not at liberty to lease/give/or sell the facility

Closed Session

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Sharp to go into closed session: motion passed unanimously:

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A motion was made by Nolan and seconded by Smith to come out of closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken as a result of the closed hearing.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Nolan to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Regularly scheduled Meeting **February 12, 2013**—PLEASE NOTICE CHANGE IN DATE.