

Lake Oconee Area Development Authority

Minutes – August 3, 2015

Attendees:

Putnam: Joe Schneider, Terry Schwindler, Kevin Mathis

Greene: Bob Moran, Bob Lofgren, Valerie Duvall

Guests: Dick Schneider (Greene County Chamber), Hannah Wilcher (Greene County Tourism), Laura Gailey (Counsel)

I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Schneider

II. Minutes from the 5/4/2015 Meeting: A motion was made by Joe Schneider to approve the minutes, Bob Moran seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously

III. Updates from counties:

Terry Schwindler, Economic Development Director for Putnam County:

1. The engineering work for our South Industrial Park Site Improvement Project is almost complete and we are waiting on approval for the OneGeorgia Equity Grant to break ground on the project. We already have a prospect looking at the 22 acre pad ready site.
2. Hibbett Sports will be locating next to the Walmart in Eatonton.
3. Horton Homes has 10 sites that will be offered at the judicial tax sale on September 1st.
4. Eatonton ISO rating lowered from a 7 to a 4.
5. Putnam County High School earned bronze medal in *US News & World Report's* list of "Best High Schools in Georgia". PCHS made the list in 2013 and now has made the 2015 list.
6. Café 441 is now open at the truck stop on the US441 bypass
7. Georgia Lake Country Traveler App now available on iTunes

Valerie Duvall, Economic Development Director for Greene County:

1. Lake Country Brewing is moving forward with a grant through DCA through the City of Greensboro to restore the old Cherro Cola building in Downtown Greensboro. We have filmed a promotional video to highlight the development for both economic development and tourism. You can find a copy of the video on our Facebook page.
2. New Spa, Pure Vida
3. New Nail Boutique, New Beginnings
4. Second graduating class of the workforce fundamentals program at Athens Tech Campus
5. EcD Expo with the USDA on 8/20 from 4-7 p.m. at Greene County High School
6. North American Pipe – 5 million dollar expansion wrapping up
7. Sprayfoam Systems expanding
8. New England Wire expanding
9. August 7th

IV. New Business

- a. Bob Lofregn shared an idea to explore opportunities for a waste energy plant. The group decided to research the idea and bring results to the next schedule meeting on November 2, 2015.

V. Motion to adjourn meeting by Bob Moran, Joe Schneider seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously

VI. The Next Meeting will be November 2, 2015 at The People's Bank in Eatonton, GA