

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

June 18, 2014

Present: Debbie Ricks, Greg Clary, William Randall, Matt Welch, Joe Mobley, Tom Morris, Matt Carlton (via phone), Grady Williams, Counsel

Absent: Chip Dobson, Virginia Hall, Paz Patel

Guests: Jan Conrad, Russell Buck, Ken Willey, Bo Higgonbotham

Staff: Josh Cockrell, Kerri Stewart

Call to Order: **Chair Debbie Ricks** called the Clay County Development Authority ("CCDA") Board meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Invocation: William Randall provided the invocation.

Approval of May 22, 2014 Minutes

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report: **William Randall** reviewed the financial reports for May. Motion to approve report accepted unanimously.

Chair's Report: **Debbie Ricks** welcomed new board member Matt Carlton who has replaced Jan Conrad for a 4-year term. He joined this meeting via phone. Board members Chip Dobson, William Randall, and Greg Clary were reappointed for a second 4-year term. Russell Buck has submitted an application to the Governor's office and is awaiting approval. He will be replacing Tom Morris once confirmed.

Debbie Ricks recognized outgoing board members Jan Conrad and Tom Morris with an award for their service to the CCDA.

July meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting will be held in August. When the Board meets in August, they will determine whether future meetings will occur quarterly or bimonthly.

Staff Report: **Josh Cockrell** provided sample marketing materials that emphasize industrial revenue bonds and how they can be used. He asked for board approval to investigate an opportunity to create similar materials as well as name badges and business cards. The board permitted staff to look into costs, etc.

Big League Dreams Project Update: **Kerri Stewart** reminded the board that at the May CCDA Board meeting they decided to not move forward on the BLD project. Staff was directed to either terminate the license agreement or to investigate assigning the license to another authority. She stated that staff recommends an extension to the license agreement until October 31, 2014 in order to provide more time to seek the assigning of the license. **Greg Clary** made a motion to accept the extension. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Bo Higgonbotham expressed his concerns that if a neighboring county purchased the license agreement and built BLD, it could hurt Clay County should the county choose to build similar travel ball fields.

Attorney's Report: **Grady Williams** stated that he is assisting staff with any grant submittals for Camp Blanding as well as the relationship with the Chamber.

Economic Development Report: **Bill Garrison** reviewed the three grants awarded to the CCDA to benefit Camp Blanding for a total of \$929,000. **Grady Williams** asked if the Board is authorizing Chair Ricks to move forward with signing an agreement once the details are worked out with Space and Missile Defense Command regarding the grant before the next board meeting. **Joe Mobley** made a motion to approve. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business: **Chair Ricks** stated that the Chamber of Commerce has provided the Board with an amendment to the Promissory Note between the CCDA and Chamber. Staff will review the note and provide a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

The next CCDA Board meeting will be on August 20, 2014.

Adjourned: 4:55 PM.

DATES OF UPCOMING CCDA MEETINGS:

August 20, 2014

September 17, 2014