



Open Minutes

September 20, 2016- Special Called Meeting.

Chairwoman Billie Queen called the meeting to order. Those present were Billie Queen, Richard York, Jack Morton, Richard Wagner, Marilyn MacNeill, Johnny Chastain, George Slusser, Jim McKnight, Cynthia Panter, Lynn Doss, Christie Arp, Bree Collar (The News Observer), Marci Watson (Fetch Your News), and Elaine Owen (Fannin Sentinel).

Agenda

Chairwoman Billie Queen presented the agenda. Johnny Chastain made a motion to approve the agenda, and Jim McKnight seconded the motion – unanimously approved as read.

Grant Writing Training and Certification

Executive Director, Christie Arp, gave a professional development and marketing update. Christie has registered for the first class in a certification program. The class is through University of North Georgia and is available entirely online. There are a total of four classes to complete for certification and each class takes up to six weeks.

Ms. Arp informed the Board that she was accepted into the TVA Rural Leadership Institute, which is designed to build leadership skills for the community, economic development, and networking. The program takes place Oct 12-13, Dec 7-8, Jan 18-19, and graduation Feb 22-24.

The new FCDA website is up and running.

Ms. Arp also discussed two new business openings. TJ Maxx has a hiring fair scheduled for Oct 6-7 at the DOL. They are still hiring and will need approx. 100-120 new hires for the holiday season. They are expected to open in mid November. Tractor Supply is fully staff. They had a hiring fair through DOL and hired approx. 13 from the fair and had approx. 7 new hires from their job posting. Their grand opening is scheduled for Oct 8.

Executive Session (to discuss legal matters)

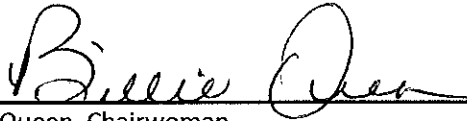
Chairwoman Billie Queen asked for a motion to go into executive session. Jim McKnight made a motion, and Jack Morton seconded the motion – unanimously approved. The media was asked to wait outside.

Motion

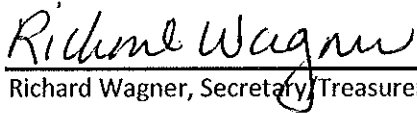
Chairwoman Billie Queen asked for a motion to accept AD&D's, the spec facility contractor, revised bid @ \$721,100. Jim McKnight made a motion to approve, and George Slusser seconded the motion – unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Chairwoman Billie Queen asked for a motion to adjourn the called board meeting. Johnny Chastian made the motion to adjourn, and Jim McKnight seconded the motion – unanimously approved.



Billie Queen, Chairwoman



Richard Wagner, Secretary/Treasurer