

Development Authority of Lumpkin County Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2015
Conference Room, Lumpkin County Administration Building

Board Members in attendance: Jim Curtis, Jason Cox, Jim Higdon, John Gaston, J. B. Jones, Kathy Crafton

Associate Members/Guests in attendance: Steve Gooch, Dee Harris, Joy Edelberg, Jane O’Gorman, Sean Phipps, Danette Smith

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Higdon at 9:01 am

Motion to approve agenda: Kathy Crafton. Second: Jim Curtis. Motion carried.

Motion to approve April 21, 2015 minutes: Wyman Walden. Second: Kathy Crafton. Motion carried.

Associate Members Reports:

Lumpkin County Water Authority Sean Phipps reported the tap for the Arcadia project will be set tomorrow. He noted the Water Authority is working on a loan application for funding to created redundancy along the 400 corridor for the water systems.

Jane O’Gorman with UNG reported successful graduation. Convocation center has been approved. New residence hall started that will house 536 students. Nighthawks softball going to the World Series.

Financial Report – March and April, 2015. Jason Cox. Nothing unusual noted. In line with budget. Steve mentioned speaking with the auditors when they come to make their presentation to make sure we are getting the info we need from bookkeeping service. Motion to accept: Kathy Crafton. Second: Jim Curtis. Motion carried.

Welcome new member Adam Embry – Georgia Power

Nugget Article – JoAnne previously circulated draft for comments. Steve suggested adding info Chelsea Park and other accomplishments and having future articles focusing on members.

Arcadia project update – Executive director Steve Gooch reported grading in process, septic next. Found issues with organic material in boring area. Will require additional attention where columns will be located. Progress is on schedule. Steve noted the open house at Chelsea Park is Thursday 4:30-7:00. The Fieldale property closed last week. Investor planning a family recreation center or conference center. Steak and Shake closing next week. Will employ 75+ people. Convocation center has been funded. Traffic study needed to address issues with Morrison Moore Connector in anticipation of the Convocation Center and Steak N Shake adding to the traffic patterns. Lanier Tech is moving off the UNG Gainesville Campus.

Steve reported Lumpkin County's unemployment rate is at 5.4%

Members of the committee for the Strategic Visioning are reviewing RFPs.

LC School Board is drafting a resolution regarding the Senior Tax Exemption calling for a referendum to adjust limits for the exemption.

Motion to adjourn: J. B. Jones. Second: Jason Cox. Meeting adjourned at 9:43am.

Approved