

Brunswick-Columbus International Park Inc.
Board Meeting
July 19, 2016
12 Noon

Present: Richard Kopp, Mike Hargett, Gary Lanier, Jerry Freeman, Gilee E Byrd, Ann Hardy and Velva Jenkins

Absent: Harry Foley, Ricky Benton, Scott Phillips

I. Welcome

Gary Lanier, Board Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed the members. He recognized Mr. Jerry Freeman and Gilee Byrd as representatives of Columbus County. Harry Foley was unable to attend.

II. Approval of the minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Byrd to approve the June 24, 2015 meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Kopp. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Old Business

Mr. Lanier inquired about the status of the brochure which was being designed by the Brunswick County EDC office. Mr. Hargett recalls a one sheet flyer that is available for distribution along with the other marketing efforts provided by the Camerons.

Mr. Lanier provided an update on the Park's infrastructure. Providing the upgrades is a lot of money for the sewer lines and internet service. Quotes are being solicited. Until a tenant is in the park there we hesitate to invest the money to move forward with the sewer, road, and internet. Currently, the prospects are not large enough to justify putting in the infrastructure.

It is important to hold annual meetings. Meeting annually is required to solidify activities with the Park to satisfy the agreement with the Camerons and Earps.

Ms. Hardy brought to the Board's attention some loose ends. She named two items: (1) We need to update the name on the document for Register Agent with the NC Secretary of State Office. She recommended that we use the position (Economic Development Director) not the name of the person for the document. The Registered Agent is for contact

information only. The authority is placed with the officers for the organization. Ms. Hardy motioned that the incumbent director of the Economic Development be the Registered Agent. Currently, that will be Mr. Mike Hargett. Mr. Freeman seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

(2) Someone must hold the responsibility for filing documents timely and properly with the Department of Internal Revenue Service. Ms. Hardy suggested that Brunswick County could take this responsibility. Mr. Byrd motioned that Brunswick County Manager be responsible for this process. Mr. Freeman seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried. Ms. Hardy also said when and if documents are to be filed, the documents will be forward to the Board for review.

IV. New Business

A. Election of Officers – Chairman will remain constant until 2017.

Mr. Byrd nominated, motioned and moved that Mr. Hargett be elected for the vice- chairman. Mr. Freeman seconded. Mr. Hargett was unanimously elected vice-chairman.

Mr. Byrd nominated, motioned and moved that Ann Hardy be elected for secretary. Mr. Kopp seconded. Ms. Hardy was unanimously elected secretary.

B. Grant application – Golden Leaf (GL)

Mr. Lanier informed the Board that the Park qualifies by size for a GL grant. It would cost over \$100K to bring in the sewer lines from one side of the road to the Park. Before the driveway can be constructed, permission from DOT would be needed which is another costly item. A cost estimate, \$612,388, from 2009 was shared for road improvements. The GL grant can cover infrastructure upgrades, internet, waterlines and sewer. The maximum grant award is \$15M. Mr. Kopp motioned that Columbus County take the lead to pursue the grant to cover the costs of infrastructure. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

V. The meeting concluded with no other further business and adjourned at 12:35 p.m.