

**Minutes of the PCEDC Meeting
Person County Economic Development Board Room
303 S. Morgan St, Roxboro, NC 27573
September 24, 2019**

Voting Board Members Present:

The Honorable Gordon Powell, Chairman
Mr. Derrick Sims, Secretary*
Mr. Donald Long
Mr. Dale Reynolds*

Mr. Phillip Allen, Vice-Chairman*
Mr. Ernie Wood
Mr. Danny Talbert
Mr. Kenneth Perry

Non-Voting Board Members Present:

Dr. Rodney Peterson, PCS Superintendent
The Honorable David Newell, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners
Dr. Pamela Senegal, PCC President *
Ms. Heidi York, County Manager

Voting Members Absent:

The Honorable Marilyn Newell

Non-Voting Board Members Absent:

Dr. Claudia Berryhill, Agricultural Representative
Mr. Brooks Lockhart, City Manager

ED Staff Present:

Mrs. Sherry Wilborn, ED Director
Mrs. Brandy Lynch, ED Sr. Admin. Support
(Minutes)

Others Present:

Lynda Clayton, City of Roxboro
Robin Perez, Timmons
Mike Solomon, Timmons
Blake Hall, Timmons
Scott Kenn, PCC BEDC
The Honorable Jimmy Clayton

*Arrival Noted

EDC Welcome and Invocation:

1. At 4:00 p.m., Chairman Powell called the meeting to order.
2. Dr. Peterson gave the invocation.

(Derrick Sims and Dale Reynolds arrived at 4:01p.m. Dr. Senegal and Phillip Allen arrived at approximately 4:03p.m.)

Consent Agenda:

3. Chairman request a motion to remove approval of EDC bylaws from the consent agenda and approve EDC minutes from the August 27, 2019, minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the removal of EDC bylaws from the consent agenda and approve the EDC minutes from the August 27, 2019, minutes.

Motion: Donald Long

Second: Ernie Wood

Staff Update:

4. Sherry Wilborn turned the board's attention to the Site Selection magazine that features an article on the Person County Mega Park. Dale Reynolds asked Mrs. Wilborn to provide readership information on the magazine. Mrs. Wilborn did not have the information available at the time of the meeting, but would provide it at a later time along with digital links to the article.

Next, Mrs. Wilborn spoke about workforce efforts that have been focused on the Next Generation Partnership. Dr. Senegal and Mrs. Wilborn have taken part in planning sessions and conference calls on this continuing effort. Participation appears to be Durham and Person counties, with some assistance from N.C. State University and Kerr Tar.

On the marketing side, IT and Wilborn have met with third party vendors on the new website. Wilborn is working closely with the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce on the ad in the Community Guide.

Wilborn informs the board of her attendance at the EDPNC Site Selector Event in Duck, NC. There were nine site selectors at the event. Wilborn was invited to speak with the Person County Homebuilders Association meeting and received great feedback.

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A soft opening was held at the Person County Tourism Authority, members were invited to attend, and there are plans to have a Grand Opening in October.

Mrs. Wilborn and Amanda Everett with Person County Recycling have begun meetings to collaborate with Polywood, with hopes of the possibility to expand their original manufacturing plans. Wilborn has plans to travel to Indiana in October to visit the Polywood factory.

Open Books Extracts contacted Wilborn to set up a meeting. Wilborn was able to meet with Open Books and provide them with contact information. Open Books held a Hemp Field Day, Wilborn, along with board members York and Chairman Powell were in attendance.

With regard to the Person County Mega Park waterline construction, directional boring has hit rock near the Club House Rd., which has caused some equipment problems and delays. Every other area of the line is installed. Testing has been completed up to the first valve.

The two year recertification process on the Mega Site has begun. Letters are being gathered to complete the process. There will be no cost at this phase of recertification.

In reference to the research to the possible shell building, Wilborn commenced the survey process and connecting with business/land owners. Norfolk Southern has also been contacted to see what their plans are on the abandoned railway in parts of Person County.

Information was relayed on behalf of Dr. Berryhill in reference to *Our State Magazine*. In the September issue, an article and ad were published on the quilt trail. Person County has received a lot of interest from outside of the county on the quilt trail.

In conclusion, Person County EDC is set up to sponsor the Good Morning Coffee Hour on November 13, 2019. Topics were discussed for a presentation; a decision was made on the 6-14 plan as a topic, including a local update.

Chairman's Report:

5. Chairman Powell began his update sharing the article on the "Education Pipeline" between Person County Schools and Piedmont Community College, with assistance from the EDC board. Data from myfuturenc.org shows that by 2020 67% of jobs in North Carolina will require a high quality post-secondary education. With the progress that Person County is making in our schools and local community college, it is his belief Person County plan will provide that.

Powell was able to attend the Hemp Farm Tour noting a great turnout for this event. Powell believes this industry could be favorable to local famers and Person County. Person County is

