Minutes of the PCEDC Regularly Scheduled Meeting Person County EDC Board Room 303 S. Morgan St., Roxboro, NC 27573 July 25, 2023

Voting Board Members Present:

Mr. Phillip Allen-Chairman

Mr. Donald Long-Vice Chairman

Mr. Jay Poindexter

The Honorable Merilyn Newell

Mr. Jody Blackwell

Ms. Sherry Clayton
Dr. Scott McKinney

The Honorable Gordon Powell

Voting Members Absent:

Mr. Kenneth Perry

Ex Officios Present:

Dr. Claudia Berryhill, Agricultural Representative

Mr. Brooks Lockhart, City Manager

Dr. Pamela Senegal, PCC President

Ms. Katherine Cathey, County Manager

Dr. Rodney Peterson, PCS Superintendent

ED Staff Present:

Ms. Brandy Lynch, Director

Ms. Briana Whitt, ED Specialist (Minutes)

Others Present:

Mr. George Willoughby

Ms. Sherry Wilborn

Ms. Julie Maybee

Mr. Bo Freeman

EDC Welcome and Invocation:

At 4:00p.m., Chairman Allen called the meeting to order.

Mr. Donald Long gave the invocation.

Director's Report:

Director Lynch's starts off by making the board aware that there is a new demographic report one of the things that the other counties did the second half is still in the works. This report will be updated monthly, as the information comes out. Some exciting but sad news, the Economic Director of Granville County announced his retirement. Ms. Whitt and Lynch will be attending 51st Basic Economic Development Course at UNC next Monday-Thursday. A group of Person County diligence and City of Roxboro affiliation were able to meet with The Department of Commerce on July 12th. All of the meeting minutes are all caught up, the old minutes will be added to the August agenda for approval. On August 9, 2023, the EDC will host East Carolina University Economic Development Honors Class with Charles Hayes, there are a couple spot remaining for the class. Lynch was able to have site visit at North Park Site last Friday, she was able to meet with the contractor, the site looks like a totally different site. Lynch and Whitt were able to attend the CTE meeting a few weeks ago, they were able to give some advice on for workforce and job fairs. Our WRAL ad has officially kicked off. Also, Lynch has been able to have a conversation with Polywood in regards a few needs they have

Member Comments:

Dr. Senegal informed the board that classes will be starting on August 15th. She also reminded the board of the upcoming annual Golf Tournament at Treyburn Country Club on September 25th.

Ms. Cathey made the board aware that Person County received a second Great Grant award. The project will be given to Brightspeed for a project in Person County.

Mr. Lockhart announced the City of Roxboro had hired a new finance director.

Dr. Berryhill attended the 5-county beef tour around Granville County on July 21, 2023.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Allen encouraged everyone who has not signed up for the Economic Honors Seminar with Charles Hayes to sign up.

Next Meeting:

EDC Minutes for July 25, 2023

The next meeting is proposed for Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Person County EDC Board Room 303 S. Morgan St. Roxboro, NC.

Adjournment:

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:18 p.m.

Motion: Donald Long

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Second: Sherry Clayton



Person County Demographic Report

Everything is Better in Person







