

**Minutes of the PCEDC Regularly Scheduled Meeting**  
**Person County EDC Board Room**  
**303 S. Morgan St., Roxboro, NC 27573**  
**October 18, 2023**

**Voting Board Members Present:**

Mr. Donald Long-Vice Chairman  
Mr. Jay Poindexter  
Mr. Phillip Allen-Chairman

Dr. Scott McKinney  
The Honorable Gordon Powell  
Mr. Kenneth Perry

**Voting Members Absent:**

Mr. Jody Blackwell  
Ms. Sherry Clayton  
The Honorable Marilyn Newell

**Ex Officios Present:**

Dr. Claudia Berryhill, Agricultural Representative  
Dr. Pamela Senegal, PCC President  
Dr. Rodney Peterson, PCS Superintendent

**Ex Officios Absent:**

Mr. Brooks Lockhart, City Manager  
Ms. Katherine Cathey, County Manager

**ED Staff Present:**

Ms. Brandy Lynch, Director  
Ms. Briana Whitt, ED Specialist (Minutes)

**Others Present:**

Mr. George Willoughby  
Mr. Bo Freeman  
Ms. Julie Maybee  
Ms. Julia Wright  
Mr. Steven Wheeler  
Mr. John White  
Mr. Aaron Lyons  
Mr. Brian Hart

**EDC Welcome and Invocation:**

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

Mr. Donald Long gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes:**

President Allen recognized Mr. Donald Long for the approval of the September 26, 2023 minutes.

A motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved to approve the September 26, 2023 meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Donald Long

**Second:** Scott McKinney

**Dominion Energy:**

Mr. Allen introduced the guest attending from Dominion Energy. Ms. Wright started off by presenting a pre-safety moment. Ms. Wright turned the floor over to Mr. Lyons for the environmental moment.

Mr. Lyons started onto the presentation, the overview of the project and timeline. What is LNG? It is Liquefied Natural Gas. Cooling natural gas down to -260 Fahrenheit, making the gas about 600 time denser and increasing our storage volume. This is a peak saving plant, storing will mainly take place in the summer for winter. North Carolina had a bad winter a couple of years ago and this will help with issues in the future, when gas is in high demand. This project is nothing new to North Carolina they have also contracted other facilities similar to this project. The pretreatment process is fairly simple before sending it back off into the pipeline system.

Mr. Wheeler explains the location of the facility on Helena Moriah Road. Around 498 acres was purchased for this project to meet requirements and possible expansion in the future. Dominion previously owned the Coe Point LNG Facility outside of Washington DC, which was an exporting facility. This goes to the experience of Dominion with construction Numerous trainings and protocols are needed with fire, gas and low oxygen. The site will be staffed 24/7, 365 days a year. The plant is positioned to avoid any environmental impacts. Dominion will only clear about 71 acres, the actual plant will be 30-40 acres.

Mr. Lyons stated that we are currently in the permitting and engineering phase of construction. Dominion plans to break ground in January, the construction process will take about 2 ½ years. Completion of the project is slated to be in 2026. During the construction phase, Dominion estimates 300 jobs will be created. Dominion would like to

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utilize some local vendors to help with the construction. Once in operation, Dominion will need 12-14 full-time employees for operators.

Dr. Peterson stated that this is more of a storage facility, and Dominion confirmed that it is a facility for high-demand gas in colder seasons. Storing gas is a cost-effective way to help out with blackouts.

Chairman Allen stated that we should accept and accommodate future growth in this part of the state. We are essentially growing and we have a greater demand. Dr. Senegal wanted to know more about the background of the future employee. Ms. Wright noted employees could be needed from a mechanical background, electrical background, or maintenance worker. Computer knowledge is a plus.

Mr. Powell recognized Dominion on their safety, their attempts to be open and transparent, and willingness to answer the public's questions. Mr. Allen also thanked the whole Dominion team for coming and choosing Person County.

*Dominion's presentation will be included in the minutes.*

### **Presidents Report:**

Mr. Allen wanted to thank Mr. Long for stepping in while he was out.

### **Member Comments:**

Dr. Berryhill made the board aware that the tobacco crop is mostly in, and we are slightly over the average for the county. Invitations were given to the farm city breakfast on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Tourism sponsored a video project with WRAL, WRAL came out to two wineries all while capturing some footage of Personality.

Ms. Lynch updated the board on Economic Developments WRAL project. Ms. Lynch and Ms. Cathey received a visit from NC Commerce. Also, Lynch attended the NEDA Fall conference in Ashville.

Mr. Powell noted Dominion has requested no incentives from the county, Dominion has only talked about what they could do for the county and how Dominion could help the community.

### **Next Meeting:**

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The next meeting is announced for Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Person County EDC Boardroom, 303 S. Morgan St. Roxboro, NC.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:54 p.m.

**Motion:** The Honorable Gordon Powell

**Second:** Scott McKinney

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**Date Approved**

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**Secretary**