

OPEN SESSION

**DUPLIN COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING**

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AGENDA**

Duplin County EDC

**Friday, September 1, 2023
7:00 am**

- I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**
- II. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - **Approve Previous Minutes**
 - **Other Action Item(s)**
- III. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW – 2ND DRAFT**
- IV. AIRPARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**
- V. EDC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- VI. NAMED PROJECTS UPDATE**
- VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- VIII. OTHER NOTES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Present: Glenn Cavanaugh, Charlie Farris, Al Searles, Kevin Smith, Ken Smith, Scotty Summerlin and Teresa Chambers

Absent: Don Tabor, Roger Davis, Dr. Jay Carraway, Dean Lee

Guests: Steve Yost, President, North Carolina's Southeast

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting began at 7:10am and was called into order by Charlie Farris

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of past board minutes
- Other Action Item(s)
- The motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Al Searles, seconded by Glenn Cavanaugh and passed unanimously.

III. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW – 2ND DRAFT

- Steve Yost, President of NC Southeast, met with the board and reviewed the 2nd draft of the strategic plan. Board requested a few minor changes to the plan. Steve will send final draft in time to review at October board meeting. Once approved by EDC board, we will schedule a meeting with the Board of County Commissioners to present.

IV. AIRPARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- **Grant Statuses**
 - **NCSE** – Excess of \$57,605.04 remains unspent. NCSE will likely agree to allow funds to be used for construction administration.
 - **Golden LEAF Grant 1** – Awaiting final invoice from Johnny Williams
Surveying; survey complete
 - **Golden LEAF Grant 2** – Plans finalized for clearing/grading. Contract is to be signed next week. NCFS meeting was held this week. County Commissioners have approved proposed lease rate. Andy Meier stated that the approval of state budget is holding up their progress on finalizing. County Attorney informed that the Quiet Title process is complete on Parcel # 2 and the county now has clear title of ownership.

V. EDC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- NC DOT meeting is scheduled for September 6th with the EDC and County Planner
- County continues to work on the addition of two new wells in the Sarecta area and at West Park Industrial.

VI. NAMED PROJECT UPDATE

- **Project Freeze** – make jobs, expanding facility; waiting to request funds after development
- **Project ACC** - began working a 2nd shift crew
- **Project Heel** – no update

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

VIII. OTHER NOTES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- The motion to adjourn the open session was made by Ken Smith and seconded by Al Searles and passed unanimously.