



JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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## Meeting Minutes

10:00 AM, October 16, 2018

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission

NEGRC Large Conference Room

Members Present: **Amy Stone, Courtney Bernardi, Frank Ginn**

Associate Members/Guests Present: **Beth Eavenson**

NEGRC Staff Present: **Jordan Shoemaker, Burke Walker**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order by JDANEG Chair Amy Stone at 10:10
- II. Introduction of New Members
  - i. Courtney Bernardi- President Oconee Chamber of Commerce
  - ii. Frank Ginn- Executive Director Madison County Industrial Development and Building Authority
  - iii. Oaths taken and signed
  - b. Overview of NEGRC Services by Burke Walker
    - i. Mr. Walker provided an overview of NEGRC's supportive role of the JDANEG and a history of the Authority. Announced that the Authority will celebrate 25 years next year.
- III. Review and Approval of the Minutes from May 29<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - a. Postponed due to lack of quorum
- IV. Review of Task Matrix and Goals
  - a. Review of the planning retreat documents and process
  - b. Review of task matrix
    - i. Ms. Bernardi asks about the "big event" with officials, discussion will continue with the larger group
    - ii. Ms. Bernardi points out that plant managers prefer a networking opportunity to events, group notes this and agrees
    - iii. Proposal to hold a "grow the industry" event- further discussion needed
    - iv. Group proposes research on other JDAs and what they are doing
    - v. On task matrix, item "Visit Greenville" is removed
    - vi. Visit to Stanton Springs is proposed
    - vii. Complete SWOT analysis and visit each county
- V. SWOT Analysis Presentations
  - a. Agenda item postponed for next meeting
- VI. Area Updates
  - a. Mr. Ginn- Georgia Renewable Power project, Madison County ID&BA will run 12 miles of water and sewer line to support project. Also exploring improving water service in all fire districts. Considering also running fiber at the same time.
  - b. Ms. Bernardi- Structural changes have occurred in Oconee County, moving economic development from the county to the chamber. Expanding vision of economic development in Oconee County to include county, cities, schools, chamber, etc.. Also conducting an ordinance examination.
  - c. Ms. Eavenson- ARC & OneGeorgia deadlines just past. GA Academy will begin soon and all are encouraged to nominate or attend.

- d. Ms. Stone- Jordan Air is now located in Crawford, with 75 techs working out of the headquarters. Working with the school district for a 21<sup>st</sup> century grant to develop an after school program. Broadband roundtable to be held on 10/18. Met with the Carl Vinson Institute to discuss address point data and move it to the center of the parcel.

VII. Other Business

- a. Next meeting 11/14 @ 10.

VIII. Adjourn- 11:27