

**Hardee County Economic Development Council/Industrial Development Authority**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2013**  
**Hardee County Utilities Department**

<b>Jim See- IDA Chairman/EDC Vice Chairman-P</b>	Rick Justice-P	Donald Samuels-P
<b>Vanessa Hernandez- EDC Chairwoman/Vice Chairwoman-P</b>		John O'Neal-A
Dottie Conerly-P	Michael Prescott-P	Lory Durrance-A
Russell Melendy-P	Paul Roberts-P	Diana Youmans-P
Doug Jensen-P		

Chairman See called the meeting to order at 9am.

**Visiting:** Casey Dickson, Krystin Robertson, Greg Witt, Tony Pazzaglia, Frank Kirkland, Brian Pelham, Bo See, Steven Southwell, Benny Albritton, Eric McCall, Mary Jane Stanley, Mike Carter, Ernie Ziglar, Bryan Samuels, Stan Pelham, Callie Ward, Travis Bond, Bryan Kornegay, Shawn Okun, Courtney Larned, Doug Knight, Randy Dey, Robert Cole and Lenora White.

**County Attorney:** Ken Evers

**County Commissioners:** Mike Thompson, Colon Lambert, Grady Johnson and Sue Birge

**Press:** Michael Kelly and Jim Kelly

**Staff:** Bill Lambert, Sarah Pelham, Kristi Schierling and Krystin Robertson.

**EDC Minutes:** Doug Jensen made a motion to accept the EDC minutes. Russ Melendy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IDA Minutes:** Russ Melendy made a motion to accept the IDA minutes. Vanessa Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved as printed.

***Item 1-Broadband to Tech River building***

Halfacre Construction has reached out to Rapid Systems and CenturyLink via phone and email looking for quotes. They are having trouble reaching Comcast. They are expecting the proposals to be in this week.

***Item 2-USF-FIOG Continuing Partnership***

Mary Jane Stanley came before the board to talk about moving into phase 2 of the Economy Building Strategy. USF-FIOG will do a performance strategy for the past 5 years that the IDA has spent money on and do a projection for the next 10 years. They will be analyzing revenue and operation of the businesses and also the indirect costs, induced jobs and tax revenue. The expected cost is to be \$17,470 and will take about 5 weeks to complete.

Donald Samuels made a motion and was seconded by Russ Melendy to approve the study for the \$17,470 to USF for an Economic Development performance report and the scope of the report will come back before the board after promulgation by staff in February. Motion was approved unanimously.

***Item3-BioNitrogen Contract***

A copy of the proposed contract was reviewed by the Board. After review there was some language that needed to be added to the contract. The property has been closed on and the easement is still being worked on.

Vanessa Hernandez made a motion and was seconded by Mike Prescott to approve the contract with the addition of the language discussed and authorization for the Chairman to sign the final copy. Motion was approved. Donald Samuels abstained.

***Item 4-Continuum Labs/TechRiver update***

Travis Bond gave his monthly update to the Board.

***Item 5-Director's Report/Update***

No detailed report was given this month.

***Item 6- Financial Report***

Rick Justice made a motion and was seconded by Vanessa Hernandez to approve the financials for the EDC. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Roberts made a motion and was seconded by Doug Jensen to approve the financials for the IDA. Motion passed unanimously.

***Item 7- Operational Audit***

Bill Lambert and Ken Evers went over each of the findings and responses with the Board. Once the answers are finalized they will be emailed to the Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41am.