



HARDEE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Minutes

**Hardee County Economic Development Council
Hardee County Industrial Development Authority**

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2023 at 8:30 AM

**Commission Chambers
412 W. Orange Street, Room 102, Wauchula, FL 33873**

Board Members

Lee Mikell, Chairman
Barney Cherry, Vice-Chairman
Gene Davis
Calli Ward
Courtney Green



HARDEE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1. CALL TO ORDER

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Lee Mikell | Chairman | Present | |
| Barney Cherry | Vice-Chairman | Present | |
| Gene Davis | Board Member | Present | |
| Calli Ward | Board Member | Present | |
| Courtney Green | Board Member | Absent | |

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion to approve the agenda as printed

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Calli Ward, Board Member |
| SECONDER: | Gene Davis, Board Member |
| AYES: | Mikell, Cherry, Davis, Ward |
| ABSENT: | Green |

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Lee Mikell** -January 2023 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Barney Cherry, Vice-Chairman |
| SECONDER: | Gene Davis, Board Member |
| AYES: | Mikell, Cherry, Davis, Ward |
| ABSENT: | Green |

4. AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Sarah Evers** -RFQ #1 for Construction Management Services

Sarah Evers thoroughly reviewed the RFQ with the board. The due date is April 3, 2023 at 2pm. Questions are due to Kristi Schierling in writing by March 24, 2023 at 3pm. The term will be for one year, which shall automatically renew on an annual basis unless otherwise terminated. Scope of services, submittal process, and selection and evaluation were reviewed also.

A motion was made and seconded to approve staff to issue the RFQ, negotiate the terms of the contract, and come back to the board with final approval.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Calli Ward, Board Member |
| SECONDER: | Gene Davis, Board Member |
| AYES: | Mikell, Cherry, Davis, Ward |
| ABSENT: | Green |

2. **Justin Smith** -Extension to Agreement for Legal Representation and Fees

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Justin Smith explained that our agreement with Swaine, Harris, & Wohl can be extended year to year. This extension will run from February 2023 to February 2024. Staff recommends approval.

A motion was made and seconded to approve extending our legal agreement with Swaine, Harris & Wohl through February 2024 and authorizing the Chair or Vice Chair to sign.

Calli Ward abstained from voting due to a perceived conflict. Her sister works for Swaine, Harris & Wohl.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [3 TO 0] |
| MOVER: | Barney Cherry, Vice-Chairman |
| SECONDER: | Gene Davis, Board Member |
| AYES: | Mikell, Cherry, Davis |
| ABSTAIN: | Ward |
| ABSENT: | Green |

5. EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. Justin Smith -Executive Report

Sarah Evers gave an update on the utilities feasibility study. The EDA will hear the findings of the report on February 28th at the meeting. Justin Smith noted that construction is complete at 126 W. Main. We are just waiting on final inspection. Exterior work is now being done at Riveter. It was decided to go with a single color exterior. The historic committee will vote on this next Monday. The exterior brick wall was found to be unsafe by the engineers. Staff is having weekly meetings and providing data to the team working on the Land Use Study. Justin Smith attend the Broadband Summit. Denise Grimsley let the board know that she and Krystin Chapman have been speaking to different groups in the community. We want the community to be engaged.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Kristi Schierling -January 2023 EDC/IDA Financials

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 2023 EDC/IDA Financials as presented.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Calli Ward, Board Member |
| SECONDER: | Barney Cherry, Vice-Chairman |
| AYES: | Mikell, Cherry, Davis, Ward |
| ABSENT: | Green |

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT