



HARDEE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Minutes

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

Regular Meeting

January 12, 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
Lee Mikell	Chairman	Present	
Barney Cherry	Vice-Chairman	Absent	
Gene Davis	Board Member	Present	
Calli Ward	Board Member	Present	
Courtney Green	Board Member	Present	
Laura Barker	Deputy Clerk	Present	
Denise Grimsley	President/CEO	Present	
Shannon Nash	IDA Board Attorney	Present	

Visiting: County Commissioner Renee Wyatt, Bruce Stayer, and Michael Kelly
 County Attorney: Shannon Nash
 Staff: Denise Grimsley, Sarah Evers, Krystin Chapman, Justin Smith, and Kristi Schierling.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion to approve the agenda with the change noted.

We will strike the motion to appoint RFP committee from 4.2

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with the change.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Lee Mikell** -November 2022 EDC/IDA Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 2022 EDC/IDA minutes as presented.

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

4. AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Justin Smith** -R. Riveter Lease and Option to Purchase

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Justin Smith highlighted parts of the lease for the Board. This is for the strip of buildings on Main Street. The option to purchase includes job creation credits. This will not start until their EDA grant is complete. Lisa Bradley wanted to be here today but is at their largest trade show and was unable to be make it.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to sign the R. Riveter lease.

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

3. Motion to authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to sign the option to purchase with R. Riveter

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to sign the option to purchase with R. Riveter.

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

2. **Justin Smith** -RFP for Lawn and Landscape Maintenance

After having discussion with our Attorney, it was decided that a motion to select a committee was not needed. This is why it was struck from the agenda.

Sarah Evers touched on areas of the RFP. The RFP will be due February 20th. Staff will make a recommendation for the award. Questions will be answered by addenda which will be posted on our website. All questions must be received by February 15th to Kristi Schierling. We will award a single contract. If an agreement is not made with our first choice, we will move on to our second choice. The contract will be for one year with an option to renew for an additional 3 one year periods. Sarah Evers briefly reviewed the scope of services. Proposal requirements were reviewed as well as the services contract.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and publish the RFP for Lawn and Landscape Maintenance.

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

Motion to appoint selection committee

5. UPDATES

1. **Justin Smith** -Executive Report

Justin Smith provided his monthly report. Krystin Chapman spoke to our community engagement which consisted of our open house, Lunch and Learn, and the Drug Free Hardee workshop. During the open house of 126 W. Main, Krystin spoke with a gentleman who has a mechanical engineering degree and was having trouble finding employment. She took his information and sent it to Mancini Brands. They were in need of

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someone with his skill set and he has been hired. This is a great example of us being an economic broker and making connections. Denise Grimsley spoke at the Drug Free Hardee workshop. Justin continued with his update. We closed on the property last month that we purchased from the Moye's. The flooring is being installed at 126 W. Main St. Mancini is in production. They have surpassed 50 employees. Aloha has moved into their office space and they are looking at moving their entire call center to Hardee County.

RESULT:	RECEIVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Mikell, Davis, Ward, Green
ABSENT:	Cherry

6. FINANCIALS

1. **Kristi Schierling -November 2022 EDC/IDA Financials**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 2022 EDC/IDA financials as presented.

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

2. **Kristi Schierling -December 2022 EDC/IDA Financials**

Hardee Fresh had roof damage from the Hurricane and that has been repaired.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 2022 EDC/IDA Financials as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Courtney Green, Board Member
SECONDER:	Gene Davis, Board Member
AYES:	Mikell, Davis, Ward, Green
ABSENT:	Cherry

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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