



MINUTES
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
March 5, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Cain, Chairman, District III
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV
Mr. John Elliott, District I

The Planning & Economic Development Committee met at 4:30 PM *[immediately to precede or follow the Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management meeting, which is also scheduled at 4:30 pm]* in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Interim Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Clerk to Council, Katie D. Smith.

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Janet Hartman, Interim Economic Alliance Director & Destination Oconee Manager.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition it was made available *[upon request]* to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 meeting as presented.

Discussion Items

Ms. Janet Hartman, Interim Economic Alliance Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled “Action Plan 2019” [copy filed with these minutes] with the Business Incubator Update included within the Economic Alliance Update, highlighting the following:

- Action Plan 2019
- Goals
- Workforce Development Issues
 - Talent Attraction
 - Retention
- Quality of life factor
- Product Development
- Infrastructure
- Oconee Industry & Technology Park [OITP]
- Seneca Rail site

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- Potentially locate business incubator within the Oconee Economic Alliance building
- Closer proximity to Clemson
- Existing Industry
- More Workforce needed
- 125 new Wayfinding Signs
- Think Oconee video
- Opportunity Zones

Discussion continued to include:

- Retiring officers that graduate from The Citadel
- Majority of Clemson University graduates stay within the Greenville area

Mr. Davis thanked Ms. Hartman and her staff for all they do.

The Committee took no action on this matter.

Unfinished Business:

None addressed at this meeting.

New Business:

None addressed at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Elliott made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council