

Franklin County Industrial Building Authority
IBA Meeting Minutes
Called Meeting
April 2nd, 2025

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Mayor Lee Moore Mayor Courtney Umbehant Mayor Annie Wallace Mayor Keith Turman Aubrey Lunsford Robert Isherwood (remote) Tonya Powers Rachel Howington	Mayor Missy Holbrook	

A. Preliminaries

Mayor Lee Moore called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

Mayor Courtney Umbehant led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Keith Turman made a motion to approve the agenda and the March meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Annie Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Old Business

Executive Director Tonya Powers reported that the PROPEL Steering Team met at Atlanta Rod. During the meeting, the team reached a consensus that economic development should be the primary focus, with other related topics falling under this overarching priority.

C. New Business

Powers noted that a previously submitted Request for Information (RFI) for an older project has resurfaced, and the company is still considering Franklin County as a potential location.

D. Miscellaneous

- We are actively exploring new property opportunities; however, no sites have been confirmed at this time.
- Powers stated she is currently managing five active projects

- Powers mentioned that bids have been received for clearing and grubbing at the Central Franklin Industrial Park. The work has been approved by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and activity is expected to begin within the next one to two weeks.

E. Public Comment

- Karen Erwin, Hart County: Spoke to reserve Broad River.
- Ted Willimas, Royston: Inquired about communications regarding Pilgrim's Pride.
- Tonya Bonitatibus (Savannah Riverkeeper), Augusta: Concerns regarding Broad River.
- Amy Hanley, Carnesville: Inquired about the IGA the cities signed with the IBA.
- Sheila Wright, Commerce: What is the plan to bring utilities to the WWTP in Franklin Springs?
- Christopher Roach, Royston: Is there projects slated for Haley Road?
- Brenda Wallace, Bowman: Please address the discharge from the WWTP into the Broad River.
- Andrew Crump: Spoke in regards to the Franklin Springs DDA and Rock Hill law suit.
- Kay Williams, Royston: Inquired what the IBA's purpose is.
- Cindy Youngblood: Read aloud a list of questions on packet handed out by Mrs. Erwin.
- Brian Matheson, Royston: Will the IBA be involved in any dealings with a WWTP or rendering plant in Franklin Springs?
- Boyd Sewell, Lavonia: Inquired about the grading that will be taken place and also inquired about a spur at the Tugaloo Industrial Site.
- Mike Waters, Bowman: Inquired about the withdrawal or discharge of water into the river.

F. Executive Session

- Mayor Moore asked for a motion to enter the executive session at 9:17 am. Mayor Turman made a motion, Mayor Umbehant seconded.
- Mayor Moore asked for a motion to come out of executive session at 9:28 am. A motion was made by Mayor Turman and seconded by Mayor Wallace.
- Mayor Moore reported no action was taken during the executive session.

G. Adjournment

Mayor Turman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 am. Mayor Wallace seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

IBA Treasurer

Date

IBA Executive Secretary

Date

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