



MEETING MINUTES - Special Called

Monday, July 23, 2026

9:00 AM

Alexander Building - Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Mike Newberry, Vice Chairman William Davis, Secretary-Treasurer Steve Singletary, Eric Harris, Dee Grist and Sam Hattaway

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susanne Reynolds, Beth Chandler Noland, Eddie Noland and Travis Wimbush

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Newberry and Eric Harris opened with prayer.

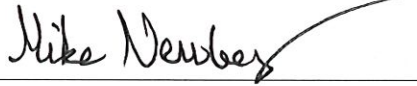
NEW BUSINESS: Reynolds gave a quick update on the search for Development Authority insurance policy. ACCG quoted an estimate of \$6500 and a formal proposal is being drafted; however, it may be next week before the estimate is sent (vacation). No action was taken since the board approved up to \$8000 insurance policy at the last meeting. Reynolds presented the Early Insight: Project Blue Hole document to the board. She explained it was formed from conversations she has had with 3rd parties and those who have worked with QTS. As more information is compiled, she will add to the document. The board thought it best to move forward and release what was currently in the document for the sake of time and helping inform the community. A motion to approve Early Insight: Project Blue Hole as the board's official statement and information regarding the project was made by Sam Hattaway and seconded by Dee Grist. All voted in favor. Reynolds will send the board a link to the document once it is posted online. A discussion about getting additional legal counsel assistance was had in relation to large industrial projects. Reynolds spoke with Bill Mills about this since he has many clients. It would be advantageous of the Development Authority to have counsel that is separate from the county. Chairman Newberry would like it if Bill Mills can help suggest additional legal counsel for future economic development projects. Reynolds suggested she and Mills speak to Kevin Brown with Seyfarth Shaw LLP. She presented his credential. Brown has over 20 years of experience and specializes in economic development law. He has been highly recommended by many of the local economic developers in the state. No action was taken as there needs to be more discussion with Attorney Bill Mills regarding his thoughts on additional legal counsel.

OTHER UPDATES: N/A

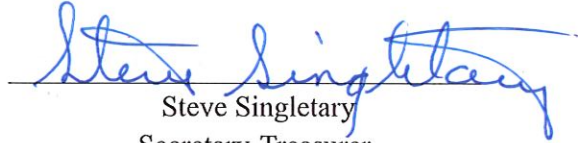
PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

A motion to adjourn was made by Dee Grist and seconded by Sam Hattaway. All voted in favor.

Meeting minutes were recorded by Susanne Reynolds, Director for the Development Authority of Early County.

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Mike Newberry or William Davis
Chairman or Vice-Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Singletary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Singletary
Secretary-Treasurer