

Beaufort County Economic Development  
Corporation, Inc.

Established May 12, 2016  
Leading Beaufort County into the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century  
Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2017  
New River Campus of TCL            2:15 PM

Attendees:

Stephen Murray  
Chairman

EDC: Stephen Murray, David Bennett, Lisa Sulka, Joe Lee, Steve Fobes,  
Michael Alsko,

Mike Alsko  
Vice Chair

COUNTY: Josh Gruber Asst Administrator, Gerald Dawson Councilman  
Guests: Joe Croley, Joe Fragle, Bruce Cole,

Steve Fobes  
Treasurer

A teleconference was held with Rob Camoin of Camoin Associates..final report due March 17, and suggested follow-up services. A template for executive director will be supplied. Rob also cautioned against joining an alliance before a director is hired...the two must be compatible.

Joe Lee  
Secretary

Lisa Sulka  
David Bennet  
Rich Gough

*Steve Fobes pointed out that the delays in a director or joining an alliance could jeopardize state funding streams.*

*A discussion was held regarding the Beaufort Chamber's contract which is on a 60 day basis.*

*Steve Fobes then presented a model budget for 2017/18. Because it is higher than the one presented at the retreat, explanations included the fact that the municipalities will be contributing 40K of the total. The budget will also have some post 2018 projects as startups. The budget will be discussed at a special meeting on March 28 in advance of the April 4<sup>th</sup> council committee meeting.*

*A brief discussion was held regarding Danny Black and the Alliance...a letter has been sent to the county that contains a proforma contract for the county to join the alliance. This was not solicited and is considered a framework for future discussions. An informal meeting will be scheduled with Danny Black to keep him and the alliance updated on our progress in getting up and running.*

*County Assistant Administrator Josh Gruber addressed the group on the status of a Myrtle Park spec building in planning in Bluffton. The building is funded by Santee Cooper municipal grant via a low interest loan. The group decided to not address this without further discussion. The question*

*is about the county being involved or if this should somehow have a private component in order to better be marketed.*

*The proposed budget with changes was adopted by 100% of those board member present.*

*Stephen Murray ask that we review the Specs for a corporate legal council to be on call over a 1-2 year period.*

*Next formal meeting ...April 19, at TCL New River..Meeting adjourned at 3:30.*

*Joe Lee, Secretary..*