

**Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation  
August 16, 2017 – Board Meeting  
TCL New River Campus, Conference Room**

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**Meeting Minutes**

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Present: Murray, Alsko, Fobes, Sulka, Gough  
Absent: Bennett  
Guests: Councilman Gerald Dawson, Joe Croley, Joe Fragale, Larry Hughes

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The meeting was called to order at 2:07pm

Minutes from the July 19, 2017 Board Meeting and the July 25, 2017 Special Board Meeting were accepted as written; Sulka moved, Gough seconded, the Board unanimously approved the motion (5-0).

Murray announced the Joe Lee resigned from the Board effective August 10, 2017. The Town of Port Royal is working to identify another individual to fill their seat on the Board.

Reviewed legal services RFP responses from Parker Poe, Vaux Marscher Berglind, and Mikkelson Law Firm. The Board discussed the 3 proposals in depth and Gough moved to accept the RFP submitted by Mikkelson Law Firm, Sulka seconded, the Board unanimously approved the motion (5-0).

The Board had a teleconference with Justin Hoyle from Nexsen Pruet to discuss outstanding matters surrounding the BCEDC's draft bylaws. Justin reviewed the conflicts that currently exist between the organization's articles of incorporation and the draft bylaws. These areas include member vs. non-member organizations and establishing the organization as either a 501c(3) or a 501c(6) organization. Justin requested that the Board consider what lobbying efforts, if any, will needed by the organization moving forward as it would direct the Board's potential tax exempt status.

The Board had a teleconference with Rob Camoin from Camoin Associates to discuss the upcoming BCEDC Executive Director interviews on August 22, 2017 and the candidate meet and greet on August 21, 2017. Rob requested the Board submit any specific candidate questions in advance of the interviews to help him facilitate each session.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 2:00pm at TCL New River Campus.

Murray entertained a motion to enter executive session to discuss SCRA contract negotiations, Sulka moved, Fobes seconded, the Board unanimously approved the motion (5-0). The Board entered executive session at 3:15pm. The Board exited executive session at 3:41pm with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm