

**Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation
November 21, 2019 – Regular Meeting – 2:30 pm
Technical College of the Lowcountry, Beaufort Campus, Building 6**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Feaster, Alsko, Fobes, Sulka, Alston, Murray, Patrick, Sommerville, Willis
Absent: Dallas, Gough, Mantua, Panu, Rodriguez
Staff: O'Toole, Stone
Guests: Tom Keaveny, Kurt, Nate Schaub, Fred Monk, Kay Maxwell, Charles Wohl, Eric Sommerville, Eleanor Lightsey

Chair Feaster called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Chair Feaster entertained a motion to enter executive session to review the confidential project list; Murray moved; Fobes seconded; approved unanimously; the Board entered executive session at 2:08 pm.

Chair Feaster entertained a motion to exit executive sessions. The Board exited executive session at 2:38 pm. No motions or votes were taken in executive session. Public session followed.

Chair Feaster entertained a motion to approve minutes; Willis moved; Sulka seconded; approved unanimously.

O'Toole provided an update on 2019-2020 budget.

O'Toole and Stone provided BCEDC activity update.

Fred Monk of SC Department of Commerce provided an overview of the SCDOC Landing Pad program and the importance to recruiting companies. Conversation followed and there was general consensus from the board to explore landing pads in the County.

Board considered a request from SBDC, Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce and Beaufort County School District for funding of a high school apprenticeship program. Chair Feaster entertained a motion to support the request; Murray moved; Fobes seconded; approved unanimously. Board asked for a report back on the schools to be included in the program, the agent for the funds, and details on how the program will be expanded upon if successful.

Maxwell provided an update on SCA Activity and Marketing.

O'Toole provided an update on Beaufort Commerce Park RFP.

Chair Feaster entertained a motion to recognize Magnus as successful bidder and ask Executive Director to enter negotiations with Magnus on the details of their proposal.

O'Toole provided an update on Myrtle Business Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm.