

**Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation  
December 19 – Regular Meeting – 2:30 pm  
University of South Carolina Beaufort, Bluffton Campus, Chancellor’s Conference Room**

**Meeting Minutes**

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Present: Feaster, Alsko, Fobes, Sulka, Mantua, Murray, Patrick, Sommerville  
Absent: Dallas, Gough, Mantua, Panu, Rodriguez, Willis  
Staff: O’Toole, Stone  
Guests: Larry Hughes, Eleanore Lightsey, Jessica Sferlazzo, Ryan Pirkle

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Chair Feaster called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

Chair Feaster entertained a motion to enter executive session to review the confidential project list; Sulka moved; Mantua seconded; approved unanimously; the Board entered executive session at 2:04 pm.

Chair Feaster entertained a motion to exit executive sessions. The Board exited executive session at 2:33 pm. No motions or votes were taken in executive session. Public session followed.

Chair Feaster entertained a motion to approve minutes; Fobes moved; Mantua seconded.

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

O’Toole provided an update on product development strategy report. BCEDC is working with planners from each municipality to identify approximately 30 acres that would be suitable for development as well as redevelopment opportunities.

Chair Feaster entertained a motion to authorize staff to go out to bid for an engineering firm to analyze the feasibility of sites put forth by municipal planners; Murray moved; Patrick seconded.

Chair Feaster entertained a motion for Beaufort County EDC to move forward with Magnus deal with the contingency that RE taxes will not be included in the total annual carrying costs until a certificate of occupancy is granted. Staff to follow up with County regarding holding funds from sale of Myrtle Park in escrow to cover Magnus’ carrying costs. Fobes moved; Mantua seconded.

Chair Feaster entertained a motion to move forward with Project Ikon and the incentives. Staff will coordinate with the City of Beaufort to execute a sales agreement. Murray moved; Fobes seconded.

O’Toole provided an update on SCA activity.

Ryan Pirkle provided presentation on Airemos.

O’Toole provided an update on on-the-job training apprenticeship program. The financial agent for the project will be the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce. Schools involved will be Beaufort High School, Battery Creek High School, Whale Branch High School, and May River High School. Businesses interested in the program are Cleland Construction, Atlantic Sprayfoam, Dust Solutions, Carolina Air, and Pender Brothers.

O’Toole and Stone provided an update on Myrtle Park timeline.

O’Toole and Stone provided an activity update.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.