

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
January 20, 2021

Orange County Economic Development Office
131 W. Margaret Lane
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Minutes

Members Present: Paige Zinn, Sharon Hill, John Morris, Kristen Young, John Anderson, Tom Proctor, Jonna Foushee

Orange County Staff: Steve Brantley, Amanda Garner, Mike Ortosky, Lindsey Hirni

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Paige Zinn at 9:33 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Paige Zinn and seconded by Tom Proctor to approve the minutes from the October 21 2020 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Steve Brantley gave an overview of the Advisory Board's Annual Report & Work Plan that is due this month. He requested that members of the board send any accomplishments for 2020, goals that we have for 2021 or feedback to include in the report.

Steve spoke about the BOCC Annual Retreat and Long Term Economic Recovery Discussion that will be virtual and open to the public on Friday January 22 and Saturday January 23. The Economic Development department contributed to the agenda by providing goals and strategies for long-term economic recovery.

Old Business

Amanda Garner gave a summary about the Orange County Small Business Loan Program Transition and Round 3 Emergency Grant Program.

The board discussed keeping our bi-monthly meetings the same day (3rd Wednesday at 9:30 am) moving forward.

Mike Ortosky gave a summary on Agricultural and Food System Activities over the past few months. He discussed the growing awareness of regional food systems, the local food distribution and the need for more facilities and sites in Orange County.

Mike provided an approximate total number of Ag Economic Development Grants that have been rewarded. Mike mentioned that the annual AG Summit will be held virtually February 8-10th.

Director's Report

Steve provided an update on current project activity. Well Dot will be moving after renovations are complete in late 2021, Wegmans grand opening is scheduled for late February. The ABB expansion is complete and Medline has been making progress on their site. The Board will discuss the Efland Station project further at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Paige Zinn adjourned the meeting at 10:29 A.M.