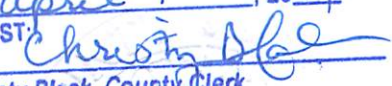


Approved on May 20, 2014
By Resource Recovery Development Authority
Attest: 
Christy Black, County Clerk

Approved by the Board of Commissioners
on April 1, 2014
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Special Joint Meeting
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND
RESOURCE RECOVERY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014
4:30 p.m. in Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

Chairman Ahrens called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. Those present included Chairman Ahrens, Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner Nelms, Commissioner Gunnin, Commissioner Poole, Robert Morrison, County Attorney Angie Davis, County Manager Jerry Cooper, County Clerk Christy Black, staff, members of the press, and members of the public.

Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add the approval of the RRDA Minutes from February 17, 2014.

Commissioner Nelms made a motion to approve the amendment; Chairman Ahrens seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Chairman Ahrens asked Ms. Davis advice on approval of these minutes due to the meeting having taken place under the former RRDA Board. Ms. Davis recommended the current composition of the RRDA Board to approve the minutes to *make them an official record with the notation below in the record:*

The present membership of the RRDA is different than the membership that took official action during the February 17, 2014 meeting, with the exception of one member, Robert Morrison, who was not in attendance at the February 17, 2014 meeting. The current membership of the RRDA approves the above minutes to render them the official record in accord with O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(e)(2)A), but in so doing qualifies that approval as follows: (1) no current RRDA member was in attendance at that meeting in his capacity as a member of the RRDA, however, Buzz Ahrens, Harry Johnston, and Jason Nelms were in attendance in their capacities as members of the Board of Commissioners; (2) no current RRDA member can, therefore, certify that the minutes precisely capture the official action taken during that meeting, however, current RRDA members Ahrens, Johnston, and Nelms find the minutes to accurately capture what they observed during the February 17 meeting; (3) the February 17 minutes were prepared by the clerk in attendance and with whom the current membership of the RRDA has confidence will accurately report what occurred; and (4) the present membership of the RRDA have no knowledge of anything in the February 17 minutes, as prepared by the clerk, being inaccurate.

1. Amendment: Chairman Ahrens then called for a motion to approve the minutes from the RRDA February 17, 2014.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion to amend the agenda again to add the approval of the called RRDA Minutes from February 21, 2014.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve the amendment; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

2. Amendment: Chairman Ahrens then called for a motion to approve the minutes from the RRDA February 21, 2014.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

3. Update on Letter of Interest and Rental Agreement from RRDA meeting on February 21, 2014.

Chairman Ahrens said that Ms. Davis had reviewed the minutes regarding the LOI and asked her if she thought this discussion was a basis to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss. Ms. Davis said that Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and disposal would be appropriate.

Chairman Ahrens made a motion to adjourn to Joint Executive Session to discuss property acquisition and disposal at 4:44 p.m.; Commissioner Gunnin seconded and there was unanimous approval.

4. Executive Session.

The Joint RRDA Meeting reconvened and was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Chairman Ahrens stated that coming out of Executive Session we have some action to take. He said that having two boards, the motion will be addressed separately. First, a motion and vote will be taken by the RRDA followed by a motion and vote by the BOC.

Robert Morrison made a motion to reject the counter-offer to the Letter of Interest and Rental Agreement presented by Cowart on February 20, 2014; Commissioner Nelms seconded. Commissioner Johnston commented that we are

not saying that we don't want to do business with Cowart. In fact, quite the contrary, we hope we can do business with Cowart. However, we have come to see that regarding the counter-offer terms, we can't do this; we would basically have to start over and try again. He added that in his opinion, that was not out of the question. Having a motion and a second, the Chairman called for a vote from the RRDA which resulted in unanimous approval.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to reject the counter-offer to the Letter of Interest and Rental Agreement presented by Cowart on February 20, 2014; Commissioner Nelms seconded; the resulting vote was approval 4-1 with Commissioner Poole voting nay.

Chairman Ahrens asked if there was any further business to come before the Boards. Hearing none, Commissioner Johnston made a motion to adjourn the Joint meeting at 5:34 p.m.; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.