

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA - INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD - February 9, 2017

The Industrial Development Board of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama met in a regular scheduled session at 4:30 P.M. The following people were present:

Present:

James Ford  
Dudley Parker  
Tim Ramsey  
Jodie Stanfield  
Jerry Weaver

Absent:

Kyle Chambers

Also Present:

Wiley McLain, Building Official  
Dana Rice, City Attorney

1. On January 19, 2017, Andrew Ford sent an email out to everyone stating that he was resigning his position on the Industrial Development Board effective immediately.
2. Tim Ramsey stated he would be willing to serve as Interim Chairman until the Board elects a new Chairman. A quorum was present and the following business was discussed.
3. The minutes from the January 12, 2017 were presented. After review, James Ford moved and Dudley Parker seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Dana Rice gave everyone a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Rainbow City which was adopted on June 14, 1971. This group was started under the Laws of Alabama, Act No. 648. The purpose of this Board is to acquire, own, lease and dispose of properties to the end that such corporation may be able to promote industry and develop trade by inducing manufacturing, industrial, and commercial enterprises to locate in the State of Alabama and further the use of its agricultural products and natural resources.
5. Discussion was held on the development of the web site for the Lumley Industrial Park. Tim Ramsey stated that Michael Ray was available by phone if needed. The members decided it would be good to have drone shots of the two existing industrial parks to place on the website and also get shots of the available land in the new park. Wiley and I will work on the existing parks to get information about each company.
6. Dana Rice has collected information from the Etowah County Board of Education. This information will be placed on the Rainbow City website along with a tab to connect from the Industrial website as well. Jerry Weaver has talked with the Bevill Center and Gadsden State concerning training available through each of these groups. Mr. Weaver said both Gadsden State and the Bevill Center would share a link for the website so that people can go to these training facilities and see what is available.
7. Dana also had some information concerning the airport. The airport's web site connects to a group called "Alabama Advantages". When Dana looked that up on the internet, it referenced the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama. Contact person is Jennifer Braxton. Tim stated he would be in touch with her and see if this is something Rainbow City needs to get involved with.

8. Dudley Parker stated that he is working with Linda and Cheryl in the Revenue Office getting the names of churches and businesses. Once he gets the list, he will get it set up for publication on the website.
9. James Ford stated that as part of his job, he writes dialogue every day. He has volunteered to do the typing to give to Michael Ray for the website. Tim ask everyone to have their information gathered and the verbiage written out so Mr. Ford can collect it at the next meeting and prepare it for the web pages.

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10. It was discussed among the members and Wiley about how the procedure would go as far as selling property in the Industrial Park. It was decided that the Rainbow City Industrial Development Board will review any potential candidates wanting to buy land and then once they are satisfied with the company, they will make a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council.
11. The next scheduled meeting will be March 9, 2017 at 4:30 P.M.
12. There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, James Ford moved to adjourn. Jerry Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hill  
Recording Secretary,  
Industrial Development Board