

## **MINUTES (DRAFT)**

### **FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 53<sup>rd</sup> SEMI-ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING June 12, 2019**

#### FTDD Directors Present:

Hon. Doris Hensley, Chair	Hon. Thomas Gregg	Susan Reid	Hon. Delisa LaFleur
Hon. John Clark	Hon. W.T. Daniels, Treasurer	Hon. Richard Venable, Co-Chair	Hon. Rusty Crowe
Hon. Jenny Brock	Hon. Kevin Morrison	Hon. Irene Wells	Hon. Betsy Shipley

Other Guests Present: Roland Bailey; Linda Bailey; Charles Baines; Glenn Bewley; Russell Brackins; Alan Bridwell; Donna Bridwell; Dan Coughlin; Audrey Depelteau; Daniel Estes; Trudy Gregg; Allen Hawk; Lindsey Hawk; Bill Hensley; Jason Hudson; Don Hurst; Karen McMurray; Stan McMurray; Jann Mirkov; Kathy Pierce; Trey Ricker; Patrick Ryans; Zack Shoettes; Mary Short; Hattie Skeans; John Skeans; Alicia Summers; Glenn Tilson; Carol Tilson; Jim Tracy; Louis Trivette; Kim Trivette; Lynn Tully; Sarah Webster; Addyson Bradley; Tracey Burton; Alison Condon; Candy Craig; Janie Gortney; Andrea Lowery; Greg Mann; Rebecca Milner; Bill Roberts; Eric Ryans; Meredith Stevans; Laura Stephens; Liz Stothart; Michael White.

FTDD Staff Present: Kerri Berrelez; Misty Bradley; Tracy Buckles; Julia Church; Dale Condon; Stephanie Cox; Chris Craig; Bill Forrester; Lee Gay; Chris Gortney; Angie Gwaltney; Lorrie Jarnagin; Michelle Jenkins; Harley Jeter; Kaci Lowe; Lance Lowery; Rene Mann; Wanda Martin; Chase Milner; Elizabeth Poczubut; Ken Rea; Connie Roberts; Lottie Ryans; Mark Stevans; Gray Stothart; Teresa Sutphin; Kathy Whitaker; Melissa White

#### Welcome, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

A regular meeting of the First Tennessee Development District's (FTDD) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 12th at The Bramble in Erwin, Tennessee. Board Chair Mayor Doris Hensley called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and invited Mayor Morrison to deliver the invocation and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Approval of Minutes

Mayor Hensley requested additions/corrections to the minutes of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Board of Directors Meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee; finding none, she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mayor Daniels made the motion, Senator Crowe seconded, and the motion passed without discussion or dissension.

#### Presentation of FTDD FY 2019-2020 Work Program and Budget and Consideration of New Positions

FTDD Executive Director Chris Craig presented the Work Program and proposed Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. As the proposed budget included the addition of several new positions to the organization, Mr. Craig also described the need and opportunity to acquire additional staff. Mayor Morrison motioned to accept the Work Program, the budget, and Mr. Craig's recommendation that new positions be added to the FTDD staff; Mayor Clark provided a second and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

#### Financial Report

Mayor W.T. Daniels, Board Treasurer, reported that the District was in a favorable financial position and requested the committee's approval of the current financial statement. Mrs. Reid motioned to accept the financial report, Senator Crowe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Presentation of Legislator of the Year Awards

Each year, the Tennessee Development District Association (TDDA) recognizes state legislators that have made significant contributions to their specific development districts by presenting them with "Legislator of the Year" Awards. In 2019, the FTDD selected Senators Rusty Crowe and Jon Lundberg as recipients of the award in recognition of their support of the work of the FTDD by taking legislative action that resulted in life-changing improvements for the people of our region.

### Recap of the 111<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly

Senators Crowe and Lundberg provided information and an opportunity for FTDD board members and guests to ask questions about issues addressed during the most recent session of the Tennessee General Assembly.

### Presentation of Employee Service Awards

The following staff members were recognized for their years of loyal and dedicated service to the organization: 10-year awards were presented to Julia Church, Stephanie Cox, Chris Gortney, and Gray Stothart, a 15-year award to Teresa Sutphin, and Bill Forrester and Chris Craig each received awards for 20- and 25-years of service (respectively).

### Appointment of Nominating Committee

Mayor Hensley appointed Washington County Mayor Joe Grandy, Watauga Mayor Delisa LaFleur, Hancock County Mayor Thomas Harrison, and Bluff City Mayor Irene Wells to serve as the nominating committee for 2019; she herself will also serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

### Other Business/Adjournment

Mr. Craig announced that the FTDD's 2019 Annual Board of Directors Meeting will be held October 25-28 in Gatlinburg.

With no other business presented, Mayor Hensley adjourned the meeting shortly after 8 p.m.

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Mayor Doris Hensley, Board Chair