

**Town of Farmville
Board of Commissioners
December 17, 2013**

The Farmville Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Courtroom with Mayor Etsil S. Mason presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Jamin Dixon, John Baker, John Moore, Richard Hicks and David Shackelford; Town Manager David Hodgkins. Also present were Wanda Yuhas from the Pitt County Development Commission, Mike Barnette from McDavid Associates and Dean Stephens from the Farmville Enterprise.

Mayor Mason called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public Hearing

1. CDBG Application- Natural Blend Vegetable Dehydration LLC

Mayor Mason opened the public hearing on the CDBG application at 6:31 p.m.

Mike Barnette, from McDavid Associates, explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to hear citizen input on proposed plans to file an application for \$750,000 in CDBG funding to assist Natural Blend Vegetable Dehydration, LLC in renovating space for a new manufacturing plant. The grant would be in the form of a loan that would be forgiven after five (5) years if the company met job creation goals. The grant requires a 50% match which will be paid by the company. Funds would be used primarily for building renovation at the former Collins and Aikman plant located at 8966 West Marlboro Road. He further explained that 47 new jobs would be created in the first year. He said tonight's meeting was to approve the filing of the application, to approve the plans and policies for the CDBG funding, and to authorize the Mayor to approve the certified minutes of the public hearing.

Commissioner Hicks questioned what the company will be doing.

Wanda Yuhas stated they would be taking sweet potato scraps and dehydrating it to produce new food items.

Commissioner Shackelford questioned what types of jobs it would bring.

Yuhas stated that the company would need a variety of job types including equipment operators, manufacturing workers, and administrative and management personnel.

Commissioner Dixon questioned how much of the building would be used.

Yuhas stated 1/3 or more of the building would be in use by this new venture.

Items for Decision

2. Submission of CDBG Application for Natural Blend Vegetable Dehydration LLC

Mayor Mason asked for a motion to approve the filing of the application.

On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board approved the filing of the CDBG Application for Natural Blend Vegetable Dehydration, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Plans and Policies for CDBG Funding

Mayor Mason called for a motion to approve the plans and policies for the CDBG funding.

On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board approved the plans and policies for the CDBG funding. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Authorize Mayor to Approve Certified Minutes of the Public Hearing

Mayor Mason requested approval to authorize the Mayor to approve the certified minutes of the Public Hearing held this evening.

On a motion by Commission Hicks, the Board authorized Mayor Mason to approve the certified minutes of the Public Hearing held December 17, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board adjourned at 6:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Etsil S. Mason, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Johnson, Town Clerk