

**HARTSVILLE / TROUSDALE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**

Chairman Paul Knudsen called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with the following members present: Paul Knudson (Chairman), Seth Thurman (Vice-Chairman), Tracy Belcher (Secretary/Treasurer), Craig Moreland (member), Scott Graves (member), Leah Petty (member), and Jack McCall (Mayor). Helene Singer Cash, the Director of Tennessee Central Economic Authority, was also in attendance. Quorum was called.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the previous meeting (4-22-25) were reviewed. A motion to approve as presented was made by Scott Graves, 2nd Seth Thurman. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was presented next with a motion to approve as presented by Craig Moreland, 2nd Leah Petty. Motion passed.

Several topics from the previous meeting were discussed, including the grant that our Board approved for the Tennessee College of Applied Technology that would come through Tennessee Central Economic Authority back in April of this year. Helene Cash stated that she would follow up on this grant to determine the status currently.

Also mentioned was the fact that we still have a vacant position on this Board.

It was also presented to the Board that Iris Plastics has almost used all the funds from the grant it obtained from us a few years ago.

Helene Singer Cash with the Tennessee Central Economic Authority discussed several topics she is currently working with in her new position as the Director. She is currently in the process of meeting with the mayors in the five county region that Tennessee Central represents to determine their needs and goals. She stated that Power Com has 3-4 pad ready sites and all of the buildings out there are occupied. After the cooling tower implosion, TVA is now cleaning up that site, but no definitive answer as to what will be put on this site now. She also confirmed that the port is operational and is currently being used by Enbridge. Director Cash also stated that there are several upcoming meetings to address the need to utilize the port for other projects.

As far as the hotel is concerned, a new study may be needed to continue to push for it, and we would need to request some funding for such a study.

Another study that might be needed is an impact study for the new 141 road project. Chairman Knudsen stated that he had requested \$10,000 from the County Commission but was declined.

Ace Hardware is interested in coming to Hartsville, and they were aggressively pursuing the now vacated Walgreens building. However, it appears that the lease cost will be prohibitive for them.

The Board also discussed several other commercial properties in Hartsville/Trousdale County, which led into a suggestion from Craig Moreland that maybe we need to formulate some specific goals for our Industrial Development Board.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Craig Moreland, 2nd Scott Graves to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Tracy Belcher
Secretary/Treasurer