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Belville ABC Board

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Robert "Gene" Ward

Belville ABC Board Regular Meeting
Brunswick Community College, Room 102
Leland Campus
2045 Enterprise Drive
Leland, NC 28451
February 17, 2026
6:30 PM

Attendees:

Chairman- Joseph Henson
Vice Chairwoman -Tilita Alexander
Member Richard Trexler
Member - John Crowder
Member - Gene Ward
Attorney - Jim Eldridge

Member Absent:

None

Staff:

Tia Clemmons - General Manager
Alexa Causey – Store manager
Naysha Reid – Store Manager

Staff Absent:

None

Public:

Chairman Scott Milligan – Town of Belville Planning Board

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. and began by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Chairman Joe Henson.

Attorney James Eldridge requested that under Old Business add Lot 1 Extension of Time.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Richard Trexler made the motion to approve the Agenda. The agenda was approved 5-0. There were no conflicts of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The January minutes will be tabled for approval until the March meeting.

The Closed Session Minutes were approved for December 16, 2025-0, and the Closed Session Minutes for January 20, 2026, were approved 5-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There was no presentation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

There was some discussion on the posting of the meeting room at Brunswick Community College on the front entry door. We as a board need to make sure that we have the correct meeting room which is posted on paperwork on the entry door of Brunswick Community College. The ABC Board meeting was not on the schedule, so the receptionist Jenni McDaniels put the ABC Board in Room 102. General Manager Tia Clemmons will take care of for future meetings.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Member Richard Trexler made the motion to go into closed session at 6:48 pm to discuss Attorney Consultation N. C. G. S. 143-318-11-(a) (3). Attorney Eldridge stated that during the Closed Session the Board had discussed various legal issues and no votes and no actions were taken. The ABC Board came back into session at 7:27 pm.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Report on Best Selling items per store-status of extra purchases

Store manager Alexa Causey reported on the bestselling liquors.

Platinum Half Gallons	180
Buffalo Trace	163
Tito's Half Gallons	150
Tito's Fifths	148
Smirnoff Half Gallons	121
Fifth's	120

Store Manager Alexa Causey informed the ABC Board that there are none of the top 5 sellers on sale currently. Tito's fifths will go on sale in April at \$2.00 a bottle off of the regular price.

b. Alcohol tastings- past and future

General Manager Tia Clemmons advised the ABC Board that Sazerac were scheduled for a tasting last week, but the Representative stated to her that they could not be here either week due to owners being at their facility. General Manager Tia Clemmons has scheduled South Mountain Distillery from Connely Spring s, NC in June. Maker's Mark will be at the Belville Store on March 13, 2026, from 4-7 pm tastings of Sunset Sipper and on March 20, 2026, at the Waterford Store with Makers Mark from 4-7 pm.

c. Status of current staffing

The Belville ABC Store is down 1 employee, but they have 2 applications and are scheduling interviews. The Waterford ABC Store is fully staffed. Chairman Henson informed the ABC Board that we have shoplifters. The Belville ABC Store had a subject that Store Manager Alexa Causey called the Sheriff's Office, reported the theft, and gave the Deputy the video and car tag number. Chairman Henson thanked the managers for what they did and told them to never put themselves in jeopardy , their safety is our top priority.

d. Easement and Maintenance Agreement for Lot 1

Attorney Eldridge advised the ABC Board to entertain a motion to sign the Agreement for lot 1. Member Richard Trexler made the motion to sign the agreement for Lot 1. The motion carried 5-0.

e. Lot 1 Extension of Time

Attorney Eldridge stated that the Town of Belville needs to approve storm water testing. We need to authorize Chairman Henson to allow an extension of time. Member John Crowder made the motion for an extension of 7 days. The motion carried 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. General Manager's Report

General Manager Tia Clemmons reported in January we were 1st out of the 9 Brunswick County Stores in sales. Combined monthly sales were down .3.96 %. For the first 10 days in February sales were down 16.7 %. Money Market Account 1 earned \$768.12 in interest, and Money Market Account 2 earned \$759.20 in interest, and our Capital Management Fund earned \$3,093.15 in interest for the month of January. Ms. Clemmons stated that second quarter disbursements are ready. There was some discussion about the check for the Town of Belville. The ABC Board would like to pay the balance of that account in the 3rd quarter, and the ABC Board will keep all money from the 4th quarter.

Ms. Clemmons stated that discounts were \$4,279.60. She also informed the ABC Board that there are 2 mixed beverage businesses that may come over to our stores. Locals Tavern has been coming in to purchase some products. Vice Chairwoman Lee Alexander questioned the budget verses actual. Member Richard Trexler stated that at the next meeting we will need to do a budget amendment on Payroll due to being \$8.61 over budget. Chairman Henson asked who was going to the conference in Cherokee on August 23-25, 2026. Chairman Henson and Member Richard Trexler are going.

9. BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF REPORTS

Vice-Chairwoman - Lee Alexander - Nothing to report

Member Richard Trexler – Would like to go to Whiteville and talk to the Auditor

Member John Crowder- Nothing to report

Member Gene Ward – Nothing to report.

General Manager, Tia Clemmons – Nothing to report

Chairman Henson – Asked if all checking accounts were correct. Discussion on building and costs were discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Member Richard Trexler made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. the motion passed 5-0.