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Belville ABC Board

Joseph "Joe" Henson, Chairman
Richard Trexler, Vice Chairwoman
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Robert "Gene" Ward
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Belville ABC Board Regular Meeting
Brunswick Community College, Room 209
Leland Campus
2045 Enterprise Drive
Leland, NC 28451
May 19, 2026
6:30 PM

Attendees:

Chairman- Joseph Henson
Vice Chairman – Richard Trexler
Member - John Crowder
Member - Gene Ward
Member – Marshal McKoy

Member Absent:

None

Staff:

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

Staff Absent:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. and began by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Chairman Joe Henson.

Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler asked to add Attorney Services to 8e.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice-Chairman 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

Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler made the motion to approve the April Minutes

4. PRESENTATIONS

There was no presentation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

6. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

Store manager Alexa Causey reported on the bestselling liquors.

Tito's Half Gallons	215
Platinum Half Gallons	198
Tito's Fifths	153
Smirnoff Half Gallons	121
Buffalo Trace	128

Store Manager Alexa Causey informed the ABC Board that Tito's half gallons will be on sale in June at \$4.00 a bottle off. Chairman Henson asked for last month's profit on sale items, and it was \$7,649.82. He appreciates what the Store Managers are doing.

b. Alcohol tastings- past and future

General Manager Tia Clemmons advised the ABC Board that Sugarlands had a tasting at the Belville Store on April 3, 2026, and a tasting at the Waterford Store on April 10., 2026. Soju Distillery in Fayetteville, NC will have a tasting at the Belville Store on May 14, 2026, and at the Waterford Store on May 20, 2026.

c. Status of current staffing

The Belville ABC Store is down 1 employee. The Waterford ABC Store is down 1 employee as well.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. General Manager's Report

General Manager Tia Clemmons reported in March we were 1st out of the 9 Brunswick County Stores. The combined monthly sales in March were down .398 %. For the first 10 days in April sales were up 1.19 %. Money Market Account 1 earned \$489.50 in interest, and Money Market Account 2 earned \$480.53 in interest, and our Capital Management Fund earned \$2,199.40 in interest for the month of May. Chairman Joe Henson asked Ms. Clemmons to relate to the ABC Board about the \$3,000.00 bottle of liquor that sold. Ms. Clemmons stated that the Double Eagle Rare bottle sold the same day it came off the truck. It was sold to a regular customer that just happened to be at the Belville Store at 9:07 am. The liquor was distilled for 20 years. We made a profit of \$1,393.66.

b. 3rd Quarter Distributions

Nothing discussed.

c. Quotes for parking lot repair

General Manager Tia Clemmons stated that Mr. Ison stopped by to see if we needed the parking lot resurfaced again.

Member Gene Ward stated that we are continually patching the parking lot. Chairman Henson asked Ms. Clemmons to get a bid proposal from Mr. Ison and let the ABC Board know what it is. It cost \$2,500.00 the last time it was resurfaced. Member Gene Ward stated that he would meet with him. Chairman stated that there was trash in the parking lot from the business next door. Please keep trash picked up.

d. Proposed Budget 2026-2027

Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler gave each member 2 handouts and went over the Budget Amendment Proposal with the ABC Board. The 1st handout shows Revenue, Expenses and Distribution. He stated on the 2nd handout there are 3 columns, the 1st column is the Old Budget, the 2nd column is the Current Budget, and the 3rd column is the New Budget. Vice-Chairman Trexler went over the line items in the budget, and he explained why he changed or left the

budget as it was. There was some discussion about the line items in the budget. Chairman Henson would like for Member Trexler and Member Crowder to sit down with the accountant. Chairman Henson asked if the Attorney was paid up and General Manager Tia Clemmons stated that he is paid up to date. Chairman Henson stated that he wants to keep the Waterford Store after the new store is built. He stated that we can sign a 10-year lease with no annual increase in rent.

e. Attorney Services

Chairman Joe Henson stated that we no longer need the services of our current Attorney James Eldridge. We need to look for another Attorney. Chairman Henson made the motion to terminate Mr. James Eldridge. The vote was 5-0. Chairman Henson asked Member John Crowder to draft a letter to Attorney Eldridge and that Chairman Henson would sign the letter.

Member John Crowder made the motion to start looking for another attorney. The vote was 5-0.

9. BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF REPORTS

Vice-Chairman – Richard Trexler - Nothing to report

Member John Crowder- Nothing to report

Member Gene Ward – Nothing to report.

Member – Marshal McKoy – Nothing to report

General Manager, Tia Clemmons – Nothing to report

Chairman Henson – Nothing to report

10. ADJOURNMENT

Member Richard Trexler made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. The motion passed 5-0.