

**Mission Statement:** The Hawkins County Industrial Development Board is committed to our existing and future industries in helping them to be competitive in the world market place so employment will flourish in our county and region.

## 2016 Year in Review

2016 has been a very busy year for the Hawkins County Industrial Development Board. Thus far for 2016 we have received 40 Requests for Information and have been able to submit to 35 of those requests. We have also had the opportunity to show Phipps Bend Industrial Park, including the spec building, to several prospects this year.

Homeland Vinyl Products is currently adding a 100,000 sq ft expansion to their building and is scheduled to be completed during the first quarter of 2017. The expansion will bring new jobs to Homeland Vinyl Products.

We have also welcomed three small companies to the Phipps Bend Industrial Park. Cherith, LLC and Old Stage Printing are both located in the Terry Glass General Contractor's building. Maillefer, a Swiss owned company, recently graduated from Holston Business Development Center and purchased the vacant building that was previously owned by Johnson Propeller. In addition to the new companies added to Phipps Bend Industrial Park, the delfort group acquired Mundet in 2016.

Hawkins County Industrial Development Board had the opportunity to acquire three grants this year: TVA ED Partnership Funding Grant, TVA Website Grant and Three Star Grant. We were able to promote the Phipps Bend Industrial park, develop a new HCIDB website, and install new security cameras in the Phipps Bend Industrial Park using the monies from these grants.



NETWORKS has submitted two projects generated directly from their sources for the Phipps Bend Industrial Park and two projects for the Spec Building in the Phipps Bend Industrial Park in 2016. Without the partnership with NETWORKS these projects would not have been submitted for Hawkins County. The more the relationship progresses the more projects we obtain directly through NETWORKS for Hawkins County.

### **Birdseye Energy**

The Hawkins Solar II Project that has been taking place in the Phipps Bend Industrial Park has been completed. These solar panels are different than the others in the area because these panels follow the sun using a tracker system. Other solar panels in the area hold a fixed position. The tracker system in Phipps Bend generates more electricity due to the prolonged direct exposure to the solar rays while following the sun throughout the day.



### **Merry Christmas!!**

**Pictured Left: Solar Panels  
Phipps Bend Industrial Park**



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### **NEXT HCIDB Meeting:**

**Thursday, January 26, 2017  
Noon @ U.S. Bank (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**  
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