



Hawkins County
Industrial Development Board
"Gateway To Opportunity"

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.

Project Meeting in Nashville

One of our large existing projects for the Phipps Bend Industrial Park visited Nashville a couple of weeks ago to meet with TN ECD Commissioner Randy Boyd to discuss state incentives. The key players of the project along with Rebecca Baker, HCIDB; Michael Parker and Brian Ritz of NETWORKS met with Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey at his office and then met with TN ECD Commissioner Randy Boyd at the Tennessee Tower.

Day on the Hill

Rebecca Baker, Executive Administrative Coordinator, represented Hawkins County Industrial Development Board at the 2016 TEDC Day on the Hill Legislative Luncheon. TN ECD Commissioner Randy Boyd spoke at the luncheon. She also attended a dinner at The Standard following the Day on the Hill reception held by NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership.

TVA Economic Website Grant

Hawkins County Industrial Development Board is eligible to apply for a TVA Website Design Grant. Rebecca Baker will be applying for this matching grant program. This will allow HCIDB to enhance the current website, making it more effective in today's market.



NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership is a proud sponsor of the 2016 Site Selectors Guild. This is the guild's fifth annual conference to be held at the Omni Hotel in Nashville February 24-25. "It is imperative for us to have regional representation at the same high-profile level of our state's leaders in economic development. If we want to be seen as players at that level, we must perform as players at that level," Clay Walker, NETWORKS chief executive officer, said.

IDB UPDATES

Rebecca Baker, Executive Administrative Coordinator, represented the Hawkins County Industrial Development Board at the Joint Economic & Community Development Meeting that was held on February 9th. She also represented the HCIDB at the Legislative Breakfast on February 13th. She will be attending the third session of the TVA Rural Leadership Institute this month, which will consist of Economic Development and Electricity. She will also be attending a TVA InvestPrep Workshop at the same time.

Phipps Bend Existing Industries Meeting

Several industries were represented at the bi-annual Phipps Bend Existing Industries Meeting that was held on January 21st at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology even with the snow covered parking lot. TVA was also represented at this meeting. Rebecca Baker, Kerry Jackson, and Tommy Young represented the HCIDB. The biggest concern everyone had is an emergency exit in the Phipps Bend Industrial Park. Hawkins County Industrial Development Board has a committee of board members diligently working on a solution to this ongoing concern.

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**Next HCIDB Meeting:
Friday, February 26, 2016 @ noon
Please RSVP Rebecca Baker by Wed.,
February 24th if you wish to attend.**