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FCCRD Advisory Board Meeting

ABBEVILLE — A meeting of the FCCRD Advisory Board was held on April 18, 2018, at 8:30AM, at WCTEL conference room. Lee Logan, the Chairman of the FCCRD Advisory Board, opened the meeting with a warm welcome and prayer. Breakfast was provided by WCTEL.

Wilder Ferreira began the meeting with the introduction of the new employee, Melissa Billey. She will be assisting Wilder as the FCCRD Project Manager as the FCCRD continues to grow. Wilder gave a presentation on the many projects that have been completed, projects that are on-going, and future projects that are in the works. FCCRD has made such a difference in assisting the rural areas of Abbeville County, McCormick County, and the Starr-Iva Community. The development and continued support in agri-business, education, entrepreneurship, and the arts has been seen and felt in each community in these counties. The passion for partnerships and alliances working together can be felt from each individual in attendance that represented these areas. Wilder Ferreira's expertise has been utilized by the FCCRD to help revitalize and grow programs to assist the communities.

Lee Logan followed Wilder with information on the Abbeville Promise. The Abbeville Promise Kick-off Event is scheduled for April 19, 2018. Lee also updated the group on how well the projects are coming together and impacting the areas. Some projects that are making an impact are:

- The Aquaponics Project at Diamond Hill Elementary where 6th grade students in Ms. Busby's class are learning about plants grown in water.
- The Starr-Iva Alliance that is focusing on workshops, public relations, and consulting to promote small businesses in the Starr and Iva areas.
- The Abbeville County Youth Leadership Program that will focus on high school seniors to promote soft skills and leadership.
- The McCormick County Workforce Development Program that will focus on high school juniors to obtain an IT Professional Certification upon graduation for job placement.

The meeting was closed by Lee Logan.



CUTLINE: Wilder Ferreira, FCCRD, speaking during the FCCRD Advisory Board Meeting at WCTEL on April 18, 2018.