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## **FCCRD Advisory Board Meeting**

ABBEVILLE — A meeting of the FCCRD Advisory Board was held on December 17, 2019, at 8:30AM, at the WCTEL conference room. Wilder Ferreira, FCCRD Director, opened the meeting with a warm welcome. Breakfast was provided by WCTEL.

The meeting began with the information about the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation donation of \$25,000 to build the Calhoun Falls Farmers' Market pavilion.

Wilder gave a presentation about the ongoing projects and future projects that are in the works for Abbeville County, McCormick County, and the Starr-Iva area community. The FCCRD continues to advance Rural Economic Development, Community Development, Youth Leadership Development, Agribusiness Development, Workforce Development, Entrepreneurial Education, and Small Business Retention and Expansion.

Lee Logan spoke on the 4-H Entrepreneurship, the Farmers' Markets, and the Business Plan Competition. There are many strides being made to grow and enhance our communities. Through partnerships and collaboration, opportunities for youths and adults are now here in our communities. The youth have the Abbeville Promise that they can benefit from to secure a two-year degree from Piedmont Technical College. Small Businesses have the opportunity to come to free workshops that will give them pertinent information on everything from "How To Start A New Business" to "How To Improve Management Skills" and so much more.

Many wonderful programs, projects, and training have happened in 2019, and the outlook for 2020 is even better as new opportunities are implemented and explored. The new growth and opportunities are happening for our communities because of the desire of each one of us who live here.



CUTLINE: Lee Logan, FCCRD Chairman, speaking during the FCCRD Advisory Board Meeting at WCTEL on December 17, 2019.