



DACC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 27, 2014

DACC Office – Center for Trade & Tourism
1000 Business Boulevard
Evans, GA 30809

Board Attendees (those absent indicated with an asterisk *)

Doug Duncan, Chairman	Stan Shepherd	Hugh Hollar
Mark Wills, Vice-Chairman	Jean Garniewicz	Mike Holliman
Rick Evans, Secretary-Treasurer	Phil Gaffney	Eric McIntyre

Staff (those absent indicated with an asterisk *)

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director
Karen Eyink, Executive Assistant
Douglas D. Batchelor, Legal Counsel*
Chris Driver, Legal Counsel

Guests Present:

Thom Tuckey, *CSRA Alliance Ft. Gordon* Michael Rorick, *Citizen*
Tammy Shepherd, *CC Chamber of Commerce*

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chairman Doug Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and declared a quorum present.

II. Reading and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Duncan asked the Board to review and approve the agenda for the August 27, 2014 DACC board meeting. Motion made by Mark Wills to approve the agenda. Hugh Hollar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Duncan asked the Board to review and approve the July 23, 2014 minutes. Motion made by Jean Garniewicz to approve the minutes. Mark Wills seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Financials – Rick Evans

Revised Statement of Net Assets – June 30, 2014 Total Accounts Receivable \$144,275.00. The receivable was discovered by Robbie for lot release fees in Horizon North Business Park that had not been collected based on an agreement between the Development Authority of Columbia County, West Eck Partners and Chamblin Partners.

From the Statement of Net Assets – July 31, 2014, Current Assets is \$642,390.09 (in checking and savings), Accounts Receivable \$144,275.00 and Total Liabilities of \$2,201.43 for a balance in Total Liabilities & Net Assets of \$786,665.09.

Pgs. 5 & 6 - Statement of Activities Actual vs. Budget – One Month Ended – July 31, 2014. The budget is in good shape, getting in line with budgeted category expenditures.

Jean Garniewicz made a motion to approve the revised June 30, 2014 financials and July 31, 2014 financials. Doug Duncan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Chairman's Report – Doug Duncan

Chairman Duncan spoke to the board members about continuing to serve next year. Stan Shepherd was asked to head a nominating committee and to prepare a slate of candidates for 2015.

VI. Committee Reports – Doug Duncan

Business Recruitment & Incentive Programs Committee

Stan Shepherd, Chair of the Committee mentioned the committee met on August 15. Various discussions included SRS CRO Account Requirements for future withdrawals, property in Horizon South, how to market existing inventory, Class A office space, and TechNet 2014.

Robbie gave an update of TechNet 2014 that will be held on September 9 – 11 at the Augusta Marriott – Convention Center. TechNet is part of AFCEA (Armed Forces Communication Electronics Association). The DACC has partnered with eight organizations to do a greater Augusta communities partnership booth. Three counties will participate – Aiken County in South Carolina, Columbia County and Richmond County in Georgia.

Existing Business & Workforce Development Committee

Phil Gaffney, Chair of the Committee mentioned the committee held an Existing Industry Council meeting on August 12 at Augusta Technical College – Columbia County Campus. The meeting was well attended by the Columbia County business community. Presentations were given by Dr. Lisa Palmer, VP of Economics Development at Augusta Technical College and Julie Kenney, CTAE Coordinator of Columbia County Board of Education. The committee met on August 18.

VII. Economic Development – Robbie Bennett

- The DACC had six new projects/leads come in, varying in size and scope, several are existing industry projects; activity has been good.
- From the Existing Industry Council meeting, the DACC has had four meetings and several conversations.
- Partner Meetings: TAG (Technology Association of Georgia) through the Steering Committee for a comprehensive plan and SRS CRO.
- Four company visits; most of those are existing industry
- Attended the CSX Tour in Atlanta on August 14 with Adela Kelly, Senior Project Manager of GDEcD. More information later in September/October for product development and potential real estate development.
- Robbie along with board member Eric McIntyre participated in Leadership Columbia County Retreat.

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VIII. Old Business – Doug Duncan

None to report.

IX. New Business – Doug Duncan

Robbie reviewed the SRS CRO Account Requirements policy with the board. Stan Shepherd, Chair of the Business Recruitment & Incentive Programs committee moved to have the procedure approved by the full board. Mike Holliman made a motion to approve the SRS CRO Account Requirements policy. Rick Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robbie reviewed the SRS CRO Account Request form for GIW Industries – CDBG EIP Grant – purpose for a grant to support road construction. Mark Wills made a motion to approve the request form. Motion seconded by Jean Garniewicz. Motion carried.

X. Calendar of Events – Doug Duncan

The next Development Authority board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 7:30 a.m. at the DACC office – Center for Trade & Tourism, 1000 Business Boulevard, Evans, GA 30809.

XI. Public Comment

Thom Tuckey of CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon spoke about the hosted AUSA (Association of United States Army) breakfast on August 19 at Fort Gordon, there were 300 attendees. Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army spoke at the event. In addition, the CSRA Alliance hosted nightly dinners and toured neighborhoods in Columbia County. The focus was on housing areas and schools.

Tammy Shepherd, Executive Director of Chamber of Commerce announced the 2015 Leadership Class; total of 35 members that includes DACC board member, Eric McIntyre and Robbie Bennett. Upcoming Chamber events are – Chamber After Hours (football theme), TechNet 2014, hosting a Candidates Education Meeting on September 15, Students in Business event on September 16 & 17; 150 students from Columbia County Schools in the Career Pathway In addition, the Chamber will host the State of the Community Address on September 23.

XII. Closed Session – Doug Duncan

No closed session.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Duncan adjourned the board meeting.

Submitted by:

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director
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