

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
November 29, 2023			7:30 a.m.		DACC	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Note taker	Linda Peplau					
Adjourned	8:30 a.m.					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	Y
	Jim Cox	NOT present	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Mark Herbert	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	Y
Staff/Guests	Linda Peplau Chris Driver, Dr. Tom Clark					
Meeting Agenda						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman Rick Evans called for a motion to approve the agenda for the November 29, 2023, DACC Board meeting.					
Conclusions	Motioned by: Mark Herbert 2nd by: Kerry Bridges. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
N/A	N/A		N/A			
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman Rick Evans called for a motion to approve the minutes for the November 29, 2023, DACC Board meeting.					
Conclusions	Motioned by: Mark Herbert 2nd by: Kerry Bridges. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
Financials						
3 minute(s)	Treasurer, Christina Purkapile & Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	<p>Treasurer Christina Purkapile directs the board to page 4 of the financials included in the board packet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•She highlights the line item of Development Class and shares details of reclassifying this line to move to the Balance sheet.</li> <li>•Shares details on Staff Recruitment line on page 4, \$6,125.00 (1st installment to The Chason Group) for the Executive Director search.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman Rick Evans points out page 2, and shares details on the Road Project at White Oak Phase II - 6.6 million involved in the Phase II of the White Oak project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Summary on the Bond- Debt Service part of the financials.</li> <li>•Chairman Rick Evans called for a motion to approve the October 2023 Financials.</li> </ul>					
Conclusions	Motioned by: Jean Garniewicz 2nd by: Mark Wills. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
None	N/A		N/A			

Chairman's Report			
17 minute(s)	Rick Evans		
Discussion	<p>Chairman Rick Evans shared the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on Chairman Rick Evans' efforts on transferring the responsibility of producing DACC's monthly financials to the County. He reports he has been working with Charles (Charlie) Barmore, the Deputy Division Director at Internal Services, Columbia County, to ensure the County's Internal Services will have no problems producing the same financial report structure that the DACC Board has been accustomed to.</li> <li>• Update on the press release that was produced by The Chason Group &amp; published on 11.30.2023 by Mr. Skyler Andrews with The Augusta Press, regarding our search for an Executive Director. A copy of the press release was provided to the board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chairman, Evans reports we currently already have some inquiries regarding the job posting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Informed the board that Anita Patel is currently attending the EconMIX 2023 event in Atlanta. The DACC is a sponsor of the Welcome Mixer portion of the event held by Consultant Connect, designed for economic developers by economic developers to connect and build relationships.</li> <li>• The 2024 committee calendar was presented, reviewed and approved with no corrections.</li> <li>• Reminder of Committee breakfast on 12.20.23 @7AM, before the next Board Meeting.</li> <li>• White Oak Pump Station bid results = A summary report of the awarded bid was provided to the board committee. Blair Construction was awarded the bid for \$667,748.49, #2023015-BID5100. The project includes approximately one mile of 12 inch ductile iron water main, a sanitary lift station, and about 400 feet of force main to connect to the existing sewer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kerry Bridges reports he is working as a conduit regarding the street lights and electrical structures before the road is built to prevent having to break down asphalt later in the building process.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>**Chairman Rick Evan calls for motion to approve the awarded bid for White Oak Phase II lift station and Water Main, motion to approve the awarded bid for white oak phase II, lift station project. motioned by: mark wills 2nd by: Jean Garniewicz.</b></p> <p>Motion carries unanimously (8-0)</p>		
Conclusions	Garniewicz.		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
6 minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz		
Discussion	<p>Updates, topics on 11/03/2023 during the Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jean Garniewicz reports to the committee the discussion that took place at meeting regarding the topic of the much needed affordable childcare for the existing and future workforce in our community. She shares that House Representative, Jodi Lott's speech at the Chamber's 2023 Pre-Legislative Breakfast on 11/02/2023 was about the need for affordable childcare in our county &amp; state level. Representative Lott reported at the breakfast that childcare is a subject high on the Governor &amp; First Lady of GA's list. They are looking deep into the childcare issue and are aware of it's importance to our workforce. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mark Wills shares costs on current childcare, 250.00 a week for 1 child, long waiting lists, sometimes a year long wait.</li> <li>○ Stan Shepherd shares that the need for affordable childcare was a topic at the Defense Committee Conference as well. High on military family needs, good taken staying home due to pay and costs.</li> <li>○ Chairman, Evans reports that we will stay connected and try to be a facilitate the best we can.</li> <li>○ Jean Garniewicz final thoughts on the topic were, the more voices out there, the better.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Landscape plans for White Oak, Phase I &amp; II.</li> </ul>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	

Economic Development Update		
17 minute(s)	Rick Evans	
Discussion	<p>Rick Evans reports the following Economic Development Updates per report by Anita Patel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road work at White Oak ongoing - topcoat should be complete by end of December pending weather.</li> <li>Water utilities has selected contractor for the pipe installation. This contract will be on the consent agenda for the BOC in December and they will begin work in January.</li> <li>Thomas &amp; Hutton, GA Power, Water Utilities and DACC working together on plans for streetlights &amp; power to lift station.</li> <li>Landscaping, trees for phase 2 planning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairman Rick Evans tells the board of his plan to schedule a walk through of White Oak with the landscapers to confirm action plan for current and future planting schedules and choice of landscape.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Club Car expansion project progress (see photos below) in White Oak Business Park, Parcel F-1, 105,000 square foot expansion creating 100 additional jobs in the White Oak Business Park.</li> <li>Industry Appreciation night planned with regional partners - confirmed for August 14, 2024.</li> </ol>	
Conclusions	None	
None	N/A	
Old Business		
0 minute(s)	None	
Discussion	None	
New Business		
2 minute(s)	Stan Shepherd	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Stan Shepherd recommended that the DACC update their website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linda Peplau shares with the Board that Anita Patel had a meeting with John DeJac IV with Hueston regarding the website and she will have more details at the next Executive Committee Meeting once Mr. DeJac emails her the rates &amp; services.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Conclusions	Anita Patel will share details on website changes at the next Executive meeting & then in the next Board Meeting.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Public Comments		
3 minute(s)	Dr. Tom Clark	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Tom Clark reports that the Fort Eisenhower Installation Redesignation Ceremony on October 27th, 2023 was a huge success. He was very pleased on how everything went and ho many people showed to show their support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Clark further reports that through the dates of September 1st and January 3rd, service members are leaving the Fort Eisenhower post. There will be 55 thousand new Service members. He reports a current higher than average retention rate.</li> <li>Military member's challenges are the same as the civilians.</li> <li>Shares info on a new clothing store in Evans by the name of Southern Times.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Calendar of Events		
1 minute(s)	Rick Evans	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 6 – Business Recruitment Development Committee</li> <li>December 12 – Executive Committee</li> <li>December 20 – Board Meeting</li> </ul>	
Closed Session		
20 minute(s)	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to enter into Closed Session. Motioned by: Jean Garniewicz 2nd by: Mark Wills	
Discussion	A personnel matter & property matter were discussed. No action was taken.	
Conclusions	A motion to come out of closed session was made by Sanjeev Singhal. 2nd by: Christina Purkapile	
Adjournment		8:30 AM
Conclusions	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to adjourn the November 29, 2023 Board Meeting at 8:30 am. Motioned by: Christina Purkapile. 2nd by: Kerry Bridges. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).	
Next meeting: December 20th, 2023	DACC	All