

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
March 27, 2024			7:30 AM		DACC Conference Room	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans - called the meeting to order @ 7:30					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Note taker	Linda Peplau					
Adjourned	8:59 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	Y
	Jim Cox	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Mark Herbert	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Ben Stapleton	NOT PRESENT
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Anita Patel, Linda Peplau, Dr. Tom Clark & Chris Driver (by phone)					
Meeting Agenda						
3 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the March 27, 2024, DACC Board meeting and the minutes for the February 28th, DACC Board meeting. Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
N/A	N/A		N/A			
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
0 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	See above.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Financials						
14 minute(s)	Treasurer, Mark Wills					
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer, Mark Wills shared the following updates on the financials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Page 2, reports on total liability & assets compared to last month (not much has changed). ○ Page 3, April Showcase rental house payment of 18,000.00. ○ Page 5, April Showcase sponsorships of 5,000.00. ○ Page 7 & 8, report on the current percentage of revenue. ○ Page 8, Staff Recruitment line item. Personnel currently has a good standing with 61% of the budget remaining. • April Showcase/ Masters week conversations & updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mark Herbert starts a discussion on the return on investment for the April Showcase week /Masters. ○ Kerry Bridges shares the value of relationship building with consultants, project managers & future prospects during Masters week. April showcase, ensures that we host the top executives & decision makers while building strong relationships & displaying incredible regionalism. ○ Stan Shepherd shares the history, value & impact of the Red Carpet Tour Augusta Showcase event, allowing our community to come together for all Economic Development departments (Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Allies & local development authorities). ○ Cheney Eldridge shares that she would like to be able to quantify results of the April Showcase to the board in the future. <p>Chairman, Rick Evans called for a motion to accept & approve the February 2024 Financials. Motion: Jim Cox 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously (8-0)</p>					
Conclusions	Chairman, Rick Evans called for a motion to accept & approve the February 2024 Financials. Motion: Jim Cox 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously (8-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
None	N/A		N/A			

Chairman's Report			
6 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman, Rick Evans shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reports on the meeting with Leanne Reece (Internal Services) regarding DACC's current & future liabilities as well as future appropriations. ○ Project Manager search. ○ Bond debt allocation update = taxable bond / not restricted. ○ Welcomes Cheney Eldridge to Development Authority Columbia County. ○ Shares the busy month's events & meetings (JA Center tour, T&H- White Oak meeting, financial meeting, Masters planning, etc.). • Vice Chairman, Stan Shepherd reiterated that Chairman, Rick Evans did a great job as acting ED. He worked really hard and invested a lot of time to DACC in the absence of an Executive Director. 		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None		N/A	N/A
DACC Committee Reports			
19 minute(s)	Stan Shepherd - Property Development Committee Jean Garniewicz - Existing Business Development & Workforce Development Committee		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stan Shepherd shared & updated on the following committee meeting topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ White Oak updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - landscape - master signage - covenants - road construction - money flow / expenses for all the above topics • Jean Garniewicz shared & updated on the following committee meeting topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ lighting @ W.OAK / 12 poles- logistics & cost ○ community events / food trucks / Evans Town Center Park ○ childcare issues in the community / potential for a center @ W.OAK ○ Military Zone changes & impact ○ spousal workforce / House Bill 880 (Interchange Spousal Licenses Bill) ○ discussion on Columbia County annexation proposal <p>The above committee topics opened up the below discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kerry Bridges adds that wayfinding signage at W.Oak & the roundabout would be functional & aesthetically pleasing. ○ After a lengthy discussion on signage at W.OAK, it is agreed that it is beneficial to produce a Master Signage plan now before there are more tenants added to the White Oak park. ○ Support options for House Bill 880 (Interchange Spousal Licenses Bill) / via Letter of Support. ○ Stan Shepherd shared updates about regional efforts to get HB-880 passed & the reform of incentive bills. ○ Mark Herbert shared details & concerns about House Bill 208 (development impact fees). 		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	

Economic Development Update	
16 minute(s)	Cheney Eldridge & Anita Patel
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheney Eldridge shares the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thanks everyone for welcoming her to DACC. ○ Shares she is scheduling meetings with each county commissioner to get to know each better & for partnership building. ○ White Oak updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recap of W.OAK meeting with Thomas & Hutton, Water Utility & everyone involved with the construction. - Water utility easement construction in White Oak, Ph2 (shows map & details plans). ○ Masters week (April 8 - 14): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff will be working 16 hours days (entertaining & accommodating guests). - Sprinter van for guests & staff to travel to & from tent. - Objectives for the week / breakdown days (we have an opportunity to make lasting memories). - Invitation list = project managers, site selectors & prospects (company executives). - Concert & Red Carpet dates. • Anita Patel shares recent project updates (site selection & site eliminations).
Conclusions	None
None	N/A
Old Business	
0 minute(s)	None
Discussion	None
New Business	
3 minute(s)	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jim Cox shares that Columbia County recently achieved a prestigious TRIPLE-A BOND regulatory rating. • Mrs. Jean Garniewicz reminds the board of the Sheriff's new facility and her desire to set up a tour. • Discussion for future board retreat locations, to tour local industries i.e. Savannah Port Auth. & Georgia power plant.
Conclusions	
Public Comments	
4 minute(s)	Dr. Tom Clark
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Tom Clark reports the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thanks the board for supporting House Bill 880 (Interchange Spousal Licenses Bill). ○ Shares increase of the new economic impact report (Fort Eisenhower's impact on the surrounding community). ○ Masters week impact on the military personnel, some will be on leave and will rent their homes to visitors. ○ Updates on Military Officials = Colonel Reginald K. Evans & Colonel Bobby L. Christine (promotion). • Stan Shepherd shared that Georgia Trend Magazine recognized Dr. Tom Clark as one of 2024 Most Influential Georgians.

Calendar of Events		
1 minute(s)	Rick Evans	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 3, 2024 – Business Recruitment & Incentive Program Committee • April 7-14, 2024 – MASTERS WEEK • April 17, 2024 – Executive Committee • April 24, 2024 – Board Meeting 	
Closed Session		
23 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans	
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to enter into closed session. Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Jim Cox Motion carries unanimously (8-0) Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to exit closed session. Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Sanjeev Singhal Motion carries unanimously (8-0)	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 property matters were discussed during closed session. <p>Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to approve the Club Car new equipment bond agreement. Motion: Stan Shepherd motioned to approve the new schedule for bonding of the new equipment for Club Car & to reauthorize our Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge & Chairman, Rick Evans to execute the bond on the board's behalf. 2nd: Jim Cox Motion carries unanimously (8-0)</p> <p>Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to agree & sign the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement), transferring of 3.001 acres (parcel #072552A) to DACC. Motion: Mark Wills to agree & sign IGA 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously (8-0)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheney Eldridge's final closing comments before adjournment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The imperative nature of confidentiality in our business. ○ Asked the board to read & sign new 2024, Code of Ethics, Confidentiality Agreement & Conflict of Interest Statement forms. 	
Adjournment		8:59 AM
Conclusions	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to adjourn the March 27, 2024 Board Meeting at 8:59 am. Motioned: Mark Herbert 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously (8-0).	
Next meeting: April 24, 2024	DACC	All