



DACC Executive Committee			
May 15, 2024		7:30 AM	DACC Conference Room
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.		
Type of meeting	Executive Committee Meeting		
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Note taker	Linda Peplau		
Adjourned	9:02 AM		
Attendees	Rick Evans, Stan Shepherd, Mark Wills & Jean Garniewicz		
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Anita Patel & Linda Peplau		
Meeting Agenda			
1 minute	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to jointly approve the Agenda for the May 15, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting & the minutes for the April 17, 2024 Executive Committee meeting. Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously (4-0)		
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously (4-0)		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting			
1 minute	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	See above.		
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously (4-0)		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Financial Report			
29 minutes	Treasurer, Mark Wills		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer, Mark Wills shares the following updates in the financial report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Balance sheet status & appropriation catch up from Columbia County. ○ Impact on Fixed Assets & Net Assets due to Road Project @ White Oak. ○ Lift station costs @ White Oak. ○ Masters/April Showcase - budget, expenditures, debrief & re-class of some expenditures. <p>Agreement to present the April 2024 Financial Reports to the board, unanimously (4-0).</p>		
Conclusions	Agreement to present the April 2024 Financial Reports to the board, unanimously (4-0).		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	



Chairman's Report		
41 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman, Rick Evans shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Club Car bond payment - ED, Cheney Eldridge, gives update. ○ JDA (Joint Development Authority) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ED, Cheney Eldridge, shares a graph and shares dynamics/benefits of a JDA (purpose, shared revenue with partner counties, liabilities, formal agreements & vote process). ○ Board Retreat discussion -purpose (reinvigorate board), potential locations & dates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Savannah Port during fall GEDA conference. - Georgia Power plant in Atlanta. - Columbia County Real Time Crime/ 911 Center. ○ County Commissioner appointments with ED (Cheney Eldridge), updates & progress. ○ DACC Committee member terms, appointments, policies & attendance records. 	
Conclusions	Cheney Eldridge will share JDA value to the board at the next board meeting.	
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Economic Development Updates		
36 minutes	Executive Director, Cheney Aldridge & Anita Patel	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director, Cheney Aldridge shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staffing. ○ Stay Social Tap & Table - loan repay discussion. ○ New EV manufacturer (Columbia Vehicle Group) will invest 12.2M in Aiken, SC & create 180 jobs. ○ Chairman, Rick Evans shares details on a current article about daycare costs. 	
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
		N/A
Calendar of Events		
0 minute(s)	Rick Evans	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting 	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	None	N/A



Closed Session		
13 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans	
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to enter into closed session. Motion: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously (4-0) Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to exit closed session. Motion: Mark Wills 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously (4-0) • It was reported that 1 personnel matter was discussed during closed session. No action was taken.	
Conclusions	• 1 personnel matter was discussed during closed session. No action was taken.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Adjournment	9:02 AM	
Conclusions	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a Motion to adjourn: Motion: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously (4-0)	
Next meeting: June 19, 2024	Development Authority Conference Room	



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBIA COUNTY
Executive Committee Meeting
May 15, 2024

SIGN-IN LOG

Name	Signature	Company
Rick Evans		DACC Board
Stan Shepherd		DACC Board
Mark Wills		DACC Board
Jean Garniewicz		DACC Board
Cheney Eldridge		Executive Director
Anita Patel		DACC Staff
Linda Peplau		DACC Staff
Chris Driver		Legal

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

Rick Evans, Chairman/Presiding Officer of the Columbia County Development Authority of Columbia County Executive Committee (Committee / Board Name), being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

- 1. The Columbia County DACC Executive Committee (Committee/Board Name) met in a duly advertised meeting on May 15, 2024.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 7:30 a.m./p.m.
4. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the Open Meetings Law:

Consultation with the County Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the County or any officer or employee or in which the County or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-(2) and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential):

Discussion of the future purchase, disposal or lease of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1).

Discussion or deliberation upon the appointment, employment compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(2).

Other (describe the exemption to the Open Meetings Law):

as provided in (Insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic)

Signatures of members present at meeting and members votes regarding entering into executive session and the matters discussed therein (by signing below, each members is in agreement with and subscribes to the certification below).

This 15th day of May, 2024.

Table with 2 columns: Member Name and Vote (Yea/Nay/Abstain). Includes handwritten signatures and votes for members 1 through 8.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

I and each of the above signed members hereby certify and state under oath that the subject matter of the executive session was devoted to the matters within the exception(s) provided by law as identified above and that no other matter except as described above was discussed during closed session.

Handwritten signature of Rick Evans, Chairman/Presiding Officer.

Chairman/Presiding Officer

Each signature above sworn and subscribed before me this 15th day of May, 2024.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 3/3/2026

