

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
May 22, 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	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	8:30 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	Y
	Jim Cox	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Mark Herbert	N	Kerry Bridges	Y	Ben Stapleton	Y
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Anita Patel, Dr. Steven Flynt, Chris Driver (telephone)					
Meeting Agenda						
5 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the May 22, 2024, DACC Board meeting and the minutes for the April 24, 2024 DACC Board meeting (with corrections).					
Conclusions	Motion: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Jim Cox 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: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Jim Cox Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	

Financials		
10 minute(s)	Treasurer, Mark Wills	
Discussion	Mark Wills, presented the April 2024 financial report highlighting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Net Assets and Liabilities were \$14,946,475.74</li> <li>- Assets showed an increase due to capitalized improvements associated with White Oak Phase 2 road construction</li> <li>- An increase in expenditures for April 2024 were due to the expenses associated with April Showcase and Business Development</li> </ul>	
Conclusions	Chairman, Rick Evans called for a motion to accept & approve the April 2024 Financials. Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Sanjeev Singhal Motion carries unanimously (8-0)	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Chairman's Report		
5 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans	
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Joint Development Authority topic has been discussed with the County Manager for his input.</li> <li>o Board Retreat - dates &amp; locations being evaluated.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible locations:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Savannah - Fall GEDA meeting</li> <li>- Atlanta /Georgia Power</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>o Club Car bond</li> </ul>	
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
DACC Committee Reports		
0 minute(s)	None	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

None	N/A	N/A
<b>Economic Development Update</b>		
0 minute(s)	Cheney Eldridge	
Discussion	<p>Cheney Eldridge shares the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting with Palmetto Industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the company has seen favorable growth over the past year and has plans to bring some manufacturing to their Grovetown facility.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Meeting with GIW next week</li> <li>○ National Science Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Partnering with Augusta University to secure \$1million grant (due in August) to create a program to support the Cyber Ecosystem. Cheney is working with regional ED's &amp; SRSCRO to provide support.</li> <li>- Phase 2 of this grant is for \$15 million for implementation of this program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	
<b>Old Business</b>		
10 minute(s)	Cheney Eldridge	
Discussion	<p>Cheney Eldridge shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joint Development Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint Development Authorities were created in 1994 by Zell Miller to encourage regionalism by increasing the value of the Job Tax Credit for counties located within a JDA.</li> <li>- JDA's, for the public good &amp; general welfare, develop &amp; promote trade, commerce, industry &amp; employment opportunities of the participating jurisdictions</li> <li>- Discussion of JDA, voting, purpose, by-laws</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Conclusions	<p>Stan Shepherd made a motion that the Development Authority of Columbia County make a recommendation to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners to support the creation of a Joint Development Authority between Richmond, Burke and Columbia County.</p> <p>Motion: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously (8-0)</p>	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A

New Business		
0 minute(s)	None	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Public Comments		
5 minute(s)	Dr. Steve Flynt	
Discussion	<p>Dr. Steve Flynt shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Columbia County High School graduations will be held at the Lady A Amphitheatre May 22 - May 24, 2024. There are 2000 students scheduled to graduate.</li> <li>○ There has been a significant increase in dual-enrollment and work-based study students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over 600 business are already participating/signing up to participate in providing opportunities for students through the work-based study program.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Teachers will receive a \$3000 pay increase. Starting teacher salaries will be over \$50,000.</li> <li>○ School construction &amp; grand openings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Westmont Elementary - opens in August 2024.</li> <li>- North Columbia Elementary School is planned to open in August of 2025.</li> <li>- Lakeside High School is currently under construction.</li> <li>- Final approval for Evans High School to be taken to the BOE in July.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Dr. Flynt thanked Stan Shepherd and the Columbia County School District Foundation for their support over the past year</li> </ul>	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Calendar of Events		
0 minute(s)		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 05, 2024 – Business Recruitment Committee</li> <li>• June 19, 2024 – Executive Committee</li> <li>• June 26, 2024 – Board Meeting</li> </ul>	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A

<b>Closed Session</b>		
0 minute(s)	None	
<b>Discussion</b>		
Conclusions	None	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
	N/A	N/A
<b>Adjournment</b>		8:30 AM
Conclusions	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to adjourn the May 22, 2024 Board Meeting at 8:30 am. Motioned: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Sanjeev Singhal Motion carries unanimously (8-0).	
Next meeting: June 26, 2024	DACC	All



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**Board Meeting**

May 22, 2024

**SIGN-IN LOG**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Company</u>
Rick Evans		DACC Board
Stan Shepherd		DACC Board
Mark Wills		DACC Board
Jean Garniewicz		DACC Board
Kerry Bridges		DACC Board
Mark Herbert X	Not present	DACC Board
Sanjeev Singhal		DACC Board
Jim Cox		DACC Board
Ben Stapleton		DACC Board
Chris Driver	ON PHONE -	Legal
Cheney Eldridge		Executive Director
Anita Patel		DACC Staff
Linda Peplau X	N/P	DACC Staff
Steve Flynt		CCBOE