

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
July 24, 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	8:24 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	Y
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Chris Driver, Anita Patel, Stuart Hilsman, Linda Peplau, Dr. Steven Flynt (CCBOE), Dr. Tom Clark (The Alliance for Fort Eisenhower), William Eubank (Thomas & Hutton) & Robert Bennett (SRSCRO)					
Meeting Agenda						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion review & approve the agenda for the July 24, 2024, DACC Board.					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Herbert 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
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 calls for a motion to review & approve the minutes for the June 26, 2024, DACC board meeting with 1 spelling correction.					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Herbert 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
DACC Financial Report						
4minute(s)	Treasurer, Mark Wills					
Discussion	<p>Treasurer, Mark Wills shares the following items in the June financial report (draft) to the board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Points out that this is just a draft report at this point since June marks the end of FY2024 and the figures are not finalized.</li> <li>• Provides a Balance Sheet &amp; Income Statement report.</li> <li>• Page 2- shared activity on Economic Development for the month.</li> <li>• Page 7 &amp; 8 -reports on budget vs actual activity.</li> <li>• DACC's county appropriations report- waiting on end of fiscal year reconciliation by the county to receive shortage.</li> <li>• Anita Patel, shares that audit requests have started.</li> </ul> <p>Year-end finalization should be complete by mid-August.</p>					
	Conclusions	No need for approval until finalization.				

Chairman's Report	
0 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans
Discussion	<p>Chairman, Rick Evans shares the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction &amp; welcome of DACC's newest Project Manager, Stuart Hilsman. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stuart is a recent graduate of Georgia College &amp; State University (degree in history and a minor in political science).</li> <li>○ Participated in the GEM (Georgia Education Mentorship) program that partners with The Georgia Chamber of Commerce.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Presents the board with a copy of the change order proposal from Blair Construction for the pump station at White Oak. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Construction crew hitting granite</li> <li>○ Granite must be blasted to continue the construction of the lift station.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
DACC Committee Reports	
6 minute(s)	Mark Wills for Property Development Committee & Jean Garniewicz for Existing Business Development & Workforce Dev.
Discussion	<p>Mark Wills shared &amp; updated on the following committee meeting topics for Property Dev. Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Oak updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A Master Signage Plan.</li> <li>○ Covenant Agreement updates.</li> <li>○ Lift Station issues (hit granite) &amp; progress.</li> <li>○ Chairman, Rick Evans, shares that a draw request report will to requested, to review current standing/balance of the initial bid/contract.</li> <li>○ Remaining construction to be done = 2 cul-de-sacs &amp; the remaining work on the lift station.</li> <li>○ Cheney Eldridge, shares an easement update.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Jean Garniewicz shared &amp; updated on the following committee meeting topics for Existing Business Dev. &amp; Workforce Dev.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual discussion on child care needs in our community.</li> <li>• JDA passing and its tax credit benefits.</li> <li>• Discussion on Military Zones- boundaries &amp; tax credits.</li> <li>• Project Manager hiring.</li> <li>• Board Retreat discussion- dates &amp; locations.</li> <li>• Project pipeline updates.</li> <li>• Industries updates - John Deere, Club Car, GIW, ect.</li> <li>• Master Signage Plan @ White Oak.</li> </ul>
Project Updates	
1 minute(s)	Anita Patel & Stuart Hilsman
Discussion	<p>Anita Patel shares the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shares that she is bringing Stuart Hilsman up to speed with all the happenings in the office and projects.</li> <li>• Reports that she and Stuart are collaborating on the Wage Survey.</li> <li>• Shares details about the Green Jacket appreciation event on August 14, 2024.</li> </ul>

## Economic Development Update

14 minute(s) Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge

Discussion Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge shares the following:

- Cheney, reports she is grateful for her staff and is happy that Stuart Hilsman, accepted the Project Manager position.
- Board Retreat updates & discussion - agenda & transportation.
  - September 26 & 27
  - GA Power -Georgia Experience Center in ATL, GA. (10AM- 09.26.2024).
  - Town of Trilith/Trilith Studios in Fayetteville, GA. (09.26.2024 (stay the night) & 09.27.2024 -tour).
  - Shares details about her presentation for Labor & Workforce, offers to present anytime it is needed.
- Staff events/conferences:
  - SEDC- Annual Conference, Anita Patel & Stuart Hilsman in Savannah, GA (July 29-30th).
  - GEDA - Annual Conference, Cheney, Anita & Stuart in Savannah, GA (Sept. 18 -20th).
  - Green Jacket appreciation night on Thursday, August 14, 2024 (100 tickets- patio buffet).

## Public Comments

33 minute(s) Dr. Tom Clark (Alliance for Fort Eisenhower) & Dr. Steven Flynt (CCBOE) , William Eubank (T&H) & Robert Bennett (SRSCRO)

Discussion Dr. Tom Clark shares the following Fort Eisenhower updates:

- Fort Eisenhower employs 32 thousand employees.
- 7.49 Billion dollars of regional impact.
- State allocation of \$1.5 million in surplus funds for the construction of a new intersection off of I-20 (@ Louisville Rd.).
- Reports that Fort Eisenhower's new Garrison Commander is now Colonel Anthony J. Kazor.
- 86% of service members live outside of the installation, contributing the regional impact.
- Service member's average retiring age is 38 years of age (a valued asset after retirement due to their talent & age).

Dr. Steve Flynt shares the following CCBOE updates:

- Reports that all Columbia County school busses, received a 100% scoring on their safety inspections.
- CCBOE is partnering with Fort Eisenhower to produce a cyber/coding infused curriculum.
- Shared about contributions & support from industry professions & partnerships.
- Shared that CCBOE often hires retirees from Fort Eisenhower due to their strong skill set.
- Explains the global outage impact on the school systems.
- Millage rate updates (17.1 millage rate).
- Reports on how the expiration of the 500.00 tax rebate will impact this year's tax bills.
- Shares details about the recently state certified, Columbia County School District Police Department (CCSDPD).
- Lake Side construction update = 30 renovated classrooms during the summer.
- Evans High School is under contract & under construction.
- Westmont Elementary is set for a soft opening.
- North Columbia Elementary will be completed before the summer of 2025.

Chairman, Rick Evans, Thanks Dr. Clark & Dr. Flynt for their community enrichment & progression.

Public Comments		
33 minute(s)	William Eubank (T&H) & Robert Bennett (SRSCRO)	
Discussion	<p>Robert Bennett shares the following SRSCRO updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) - operates 70% of the river site.</li> <li>• Discussion on Regional plans &amp; updates/Regional Round Table subjects.</li> <li>• Savannah River Site's housing &amp; hiring needs/challenges, due to growth in the surrounding communities.</li> <li>• Site Growth report- impact &amp; permanent jobs (12,000 direct hires at the Savannah River Site).</li> <li>• Shares that The SRSCRO has commissioned for a Regional Housing Study that will provide a comprehensive understanding of the housing needs/potential in the surrounding communities to the river site. KB Advisory Group In Atlanta Georgia, will be collaborating with community leaders &amp; developers to report in a detailed comprehensive analysis since it is the consensus that growth continues to be a factor in our region.</li> </ul> <p>William Eubank shares the following regarding Thomas &amp; Hutton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas &amp; Hutton is opening a new office in Augusta.</li> <li>• Shared that he is originally from Appling, GA., and has witnessed it's evolution through the years firsthand.</li> </ul>	
Calendar of Events		
1 minute(s)		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 07, 2024 Business Recruitment &amp; Incentive Committee Meeting</li> <li>• August 21, 2024 - Executive Committee Meeting</li> <li>• August 28, 2024 Board Meeting</li> <li>• September 26-27, 2024 Board Retreat</li> </ul> <p>Jim Cox shares about his efforts to set up a Savannah Port Authority tour soon and asks for a head count of interested parties.</p>	
Conclusions	Jim Cox will be working with Linda Peplau to set up a Savannah Port Authority tour.	
Closed Session		
0 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans	
Discussion	<p>Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to enter into closed session.</p> <p>Motion: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously ((9-0)</p> <p>Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to exit closed session.</p> <p>Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Kerry Bridges Motion carries unanimously (9-0)</p>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chris Driver reports that 1 personnel matters was discussed during closed session. No action was taken.</b></li> </ul>	
Adjournment		8:24 AM
Conclusions	<p>Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to adjourn the June 26, 2024 Board Meeting at 8:24 a.m.</p> <p>Motioned: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Kerry Bridges Motion carries unanimously (9-0)</p>	
Next meeting: Augusta 28,2024	DACC	All