



DACC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 23, 2014

Center for Trade & Tourism
1000 Business Boulevard
Evans, GA 30809

Board Attendees (those absent indicated with an asterisk (*))

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| Doug Duncan, Chairman | Stan Shepherd | Hugh Hollar |
| Mark Wills, Vice-Chairman | Jean Garniewicz | Mike Holliman* |
| Rick Evans, Secretary-Treasurer | Phil Gaffney | |

Staff (those absent indicated with an asterisk (*))

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director
Karen Eyink, Executive Assistant
Douglas D. Batchelor, Legal Counsel
Chris Driver, Legal Counsel*

Guests Present:

Michael Rorick, *Citizen*

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chairman Doug Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and declared a quorum present.

II. Reading and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Duncan asked the Board to review and approve the agenda for the April 23, 2014 DACC board meeting. Motion made by Stan Shepherd to approve the agenda. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Duncan asked the Board to review and approve the minutes for the March 26, 2014 DACC Board Meeting. Motion made by Stan Shepherd to approve the minutes. Mark Wills seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Financials – Rick Evans

From the Statement of Net Assets – March 31, 2014, Total Assets is \$664,652.21. Total cash in Checking/Savings is \$661,150.63, Account Receivables \$3,501.58 and Total Liabilities of \$298.03, for Total Net Assets of \$664,354.18.

In the Statement of Activities by Class – One Month Ended – March 31, 2014, total income of \$34,796.67, interest revenue \$178.12, total expense of \$36,397.23 and a \$5,166.20 deficit on the sale of the Spec Building for a change in net assets of (\$6,588.64).

Marketing Alliance, Inc. will bill \$30+ monthly to the Development Authority, a maintenance fee to host the Development Authority's two websites: www.choosecolumbiacounty.com and www.developcolumbiacounty.com.

Mark Wills made a motion to approve the March 31, 2014 financials. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Chairman's Report – Doug Duncan

Chairman Duncan complimented Robbie for a good job he has been doing; a lot of work and many opportunities.

VI. Committee Reports – Doug Duncan

Rick Evans, Chair of the Retail Development Sub-Committee reported the committee did not meet in April. The next committee meeting will place a conference call to Dorchester County around Charleston, SC; Robbie has contacted a guest to share their county's economic growth pattern.

Mark Wills, Chair of the Property Development Committee reported the committee did not meet in April.

Phil Gaffney, Chair of the Existing Business Development and Workforce Development Committee met on Monday, April 21. The committee will hold an Existing Industry Council breakfast on Tuesday, May 6. The topic will be Transportation & Infrastructure; Robbie is looking at securing Matt Schlachter, Director of Engineering Services Division to speak about current projects underway in Columbia County and what that means for local industry. The committee discussed a workforce analysis study; Robbie will contact SRS CRO, and the committee discussed intern programs.

Stan Shepherd, Chair of the Business Recruitment and Incentives Program Committee mentioned the committee did not meet in April. Robbie will give an update on the progress of the new website.

VII. Economic Development – Robbie Bennett

1. This year the Development Authority had a productive 2014 Masters, from the quality of guests to their interest in the area. He thanked the board for their participation on Sunday for dinner - Low Country Boil Night, hosted by the CVB and DACC. Both organizations would like to start this as a tradition in thanking each board.
2. Robbie mentioned 13 active projects and 6 new leads that he is working on.
3. The new DACC website will be up and running shortly, Robbie reviewed recent website analytics with the board.
4. Upcoming events:
 - a. Data World Center in Las Vegas, NV, April 28 – May 2, 2014.
 - b. GEDA Spring Workshop in Young Harris, GA, May 14 – 16, 2014.
 - c. ICSC RECON Show in Las Vegas, NV, May 18 – 20, 2014.

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- d. CSRA Leadership Trip to Washington, DC, May 20 – 22, 2014.
- e. AFCEA Cyber Symposium in Washington, DC, May 28, 2014.
- f. A tentative trip to Chicago to meet with consultants in June.
- g. 2014 BIO International Convention in San Diego, CA, June 23 – 26, 2014.
5. Robbie will give a presentation to the Columbia County Growth Management Steering Committee in May.
6. Mike Holliman attended a board member training class on March 28, 2014, presented by Seyfarth Shaw Attorneys in Thomson, GA.
7. Robbie has been asked to apply for the Chamber's 2015 Columbia County Leadership Class. The application fee cost is \$950. Jean Garniewicz made a motion to approve Robbie to apply for the Chamber's Leadership Class. Mark Wills seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Dancing Stars of Augusta asked Robbie to dance on June 6, 2014 at the Marriott Convention Center for the Alzheimer's Association; this is a fundraiser event.

VIII. Old Business – Doug Duncan

None noted.

IX. New Business – Doug Duncan

None noted.

X. Calendar of Events – Doug Duncan

The Development Authority is looking to hold the May board meeting in Harlem and June's meeting in Grovetown once confirmed.

XI. Public Comment

None noted.

XII. Closed Session – Doug Duncan

No closed session.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director
Development Authority of Columbia County