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Existing Business & Workforce Development Committee

MEETING MINUTES – June 25, 2013

Center for Trade & Tourism

1000 Business Boulevard, Evans, GA 30809

Committee Members (those absent indicated with an asterisk (*) :

Phil Gaffney, Chairman

Jean Garniewicz

Hugh Hollar

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

Robbie Bennett, *Executive Director*

Karen Eyink, *Executive Assistant*

Guests Present:

Adela Kelley, *GDEcD*

Tammy Caudell, *GDEcD*

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chairman Phil Gaffney called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. for the Existing Business & Workforce Development committee and stated the committee had a quorum.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Chairman Gaffney asked the committee to approve the minutes for the February 1, 2013 Existing Business & Workforce Development committee meeting. Motion made by Jean Garniewicz. Hugh Hollar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On the agenda, Executive Director Robbie Bennett asked that item V. New Business – d. Apprenticeship Program be tabled until the next committee meeting. Chairman Gaffney agreed to this request.

III. Agenda Items and General Discussion

Chairman Gaffney mentioned during the last committee meeting, the Development Authority did not have an executive director and asked Robbie to share his overview about existing industry and his experience. Robbie spoke about the value and importance of staying in contact, sitting down and talking to businesses; discussing their needs and goals.

The committees discussed generating an existing industry survey, host an existing industry luncheon and create a leadership council.

Old Business:

New Business:

Chairman Gaffney would like the committee to work with Robbie and Adela Kelley to determine what structure, content and direction for a survey, as well as, creating a list of firms to survey - sample questions and list of companies by August 1. The committee will determine a luncheon event date, decide on appropriate attendees in early September and hold the event in October. In addition, during the luncheon, the committee will announce the formation of an existing business council and start of the existing industry survey.

IV. Calendar of Events

The next Existing Business & Workforce Development committee meeting will be determined at a later date.

V. Adjournment

Chairman Gaffney adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Robbie Bennett, CEcD
Executive Director
Development Authority of Columbia County