



## **DACC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 24, 2014**

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

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

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

### **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:**

Andrew Strickland, *CC Planning & Development*    Michael Rorick, *Citizen*  
Steve Crawford, *CC News-Times*

#### **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 September 24, 2014 DACC board meeting. Motion made by Jean Garniewicz to approve the agenda. Mark Wills seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Duncan asked the board to review and approve the August 27, 2014 minutes. Motion made by Jean Garniewicz to approve the minutes. Mark Wills seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **IV. Financials – Rick Evans**

From the Statement of Net Assets – August 31, 2014, Current Assets is \$845,113.15 (in checking and savings), Accounts Receivable \$152,720.83 and Total Liabilities of \$4,702.32 for a balance in Total Liabilities & Net Assets of \$997,833.98.

The DACC incurred expenses for TechNet 2014 but have been reimbursed. Received \$200,000 from the SRS CRO for projects; DACC will submit a formal application stating where the funds are being used. The DACC's yearly audit is being conducted at this time.

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Mark Wills made a motion to approve the August 31, 2014 financials. Seconded motion made by Eric McIntyre. Motion carried.

**V. Chairman's Report – Doug Duncan**

Chairman Duncan mentioned that Eric McIntyre has been appointed to serve on the Property Development committee.

**VI. Committee Reports – Doug Duncan**

***Existing Business & Workforce Development Committee***

In the absence of Co-Chair Phil Gaffney, Robbie mentioned that the committee is working towards the annual luncheon for the Existing Industry Council; the event will be held in early November.

**VII. Economic Development – Robbie Bennett**

- TechNet 2014 was a good event for the community; several companies were interested in our market and requested additional information. The DACC received five leads from this event.
- The DACC has received new RFI (Request for Information) for projects coming from the State of Georgia looking at direct sites in Columbia County.
- The SRS CRO is looking at a workforce analysis; another regional effort. The five counties (Columbia County and Richmond County in Georgia, Aiken County, Allendale County and Barnwell County in South Carolina), selected TIP Strategies in Austin, Texas to work on the workforce analysis. The workforce analysis will consist of county and industry reports.
- September events:
  - a) TechNet (regional event) – The board was given a flyer listing the various community partners that made the event possible. Kruhu created the design for the booth and a video which will be used as a marketing piece to promote the Greater CSRA.
  - b) GEDA (Georgia Economic Developers Association) Annual Conference was held on September 17 – 19 in Savannah, GA.

**VIII. Old Business – Doug Duncan**

None to report.

**IX. New Business – Doug Duncan**

Vice-Chairman Mark Wills mentioned the Gander Mountain Ribbon Cut Ceremony on September 23 and Chairman Duncan mentioned the State of the Community Address on September 23 at Liberty Park in Grovetown.

**X. Calendar of Events – Doug Duncan**

The next Development Authority board meeting was moved to Wednesday, October 29, 2014 7:30 a.m. at the DACC office – Center for Trade & Tourism, 1000 Business Boulevard, Evans, GA 30809.

## **XI. Public Comment**

Michael Rorick commented on an article he read on the decline of golf in the country and that the 2014 Masters had the lowest viewership in twenty years. Mr. Rorick also questioned where the MOX fuel budget stands for the SRS.

Andrew Strickland, Interim Director for Planning and Zoning, mentioned AMEC Consulting Engineers from Atlanta has been recommended by the Columbia County Growth Management Plan Steering Committee, for the county's 2016 Growth Management Plan (GMP).

## **XII. Closed Session – Doug Duncan**

No closed session.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Duncan adjourned the board meeting.

Submitted by:

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director  
Development Authority of Columbia County