



DACC Called Board Meeting Minutes			
12.16.15		7:30 a.m.	
		DACC Conference Room	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Mark Wills		
Type of meeting	Board Meeting		
Facilitator	Chairman, Mark Wills		
Note taker	Ashley Swain		
Adjourned	8:40 p.m.		
Board Attendance	Mark Wills <input type="checkbox"/> Y Hugh Hollar <input type="checkbox"/> Y Mike Holliman <input type="checkbox"/> Y	Rick Evans <input type="checkbox"/> N Jean Garniewicz <input type="checkbox"/> Y Eric McIntyre <input type="checkbox"/> N	Phil Gaffney <input type="checkbox"/> Y Stan Shepherd <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/>
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Ashley Swain, Chris Driver, Ron Cross, Thom Tuckey, Tammy Shepherd, Andrew Strickland, Gary Richardson, Tim Rausch		
Meeting Agenda			
1 minute(s)			
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	Agenda of December meeting approved. Motion: Jean Garniewicz /Second: Stan Shepherd		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting			
1 minute(s)			
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	Minutes of October meeting approved. Motion: Jean Garniewicz /Second: Stan Shepherd		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
GAAC Financial Report			
1 Minute(s)			
Discussion	The financials were tabled as the secretary, Rick Evans, was not in attendance to present them.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	

## Chairman's Report

<b>0 Minute(s)</b>	<b>Mark Wills</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Chairman Wills Mentioned that the board needed to assign a nominating committee for the 2016 Executive Board. He recommended that Stan Shepherd chair the committee and he will help.</p> <p>Chairman Wills also mentioned the Chamber's annual banquet asking the board if they would like to attend. If they did, to let Robbie and Ashley know so they can reserve a table.</p>	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Approved nomination committee of Stan Shepherd and Mark Wills with Stan serving as chair. Motion: Jean Garniewicz /Second: Phil Gaffney.	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
None	N/A	N/A

## DACC Committee Reports

<b>20 minute(s)</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Business Recruitment- Stan Shepherd reported to the board that the Business Recruitment Committee discussed the Augusta Arts Council's American for the Arts Prosperity Survey. The committee had approved a recommendation to fund 1/3 of the deeper dive for just Columbia County in the amount of \$500.</p> <p>Stan Shepherd also mentioned that we did not receive the TPD grant but that the committee would still like to find a way to fund the Wayfinding signage masterplan. However, we would like the study to happen closer to when the county would be ready to implement the signage.</p> <p>Exiting Industry- Phil Gaffney mentioned the closing of Quad graphics and that many companies in the area have reached out to inform Quad of job opening that may be a fit for their employees. The Authority is also looking to host a job fair for Quad employees.</p> <p>He also mentioned that the SRS CRO organization is hosting a Workforce Summit and have asked the 4 Economic Development groups involved to sponsor with \$5,000.</p> <p>Property Committee- Hugh Hollar mentioned that we have received two proposals on the hotel and the selection committee will begin reviewing those tomorrow.</p>	
<b>Conclusions</b>	<p>Approved funding 1/3 of the Columbia County portion of the arts Survey in the amount of \$500. Motion: in the form of the recommendation from the Business Recruitment Committee. /Second: Mike Holliman.</p> <p>Approved sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000 for the SRS CRO Workforce Summit. Motion: In the form of the recommendation from the Existing Industry Committee/ Second: Jean Garniewicz.</p>	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Talk with county about wayfinding signage plans	Robbie	Next board meeting

## Economic Development Update

20 Minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Robbie informed the board that he has reached out to Quad Graphics corporate office to get information on the building so we can begin marketing it but that we have already had interest in the building from the state.</p> <p>He also mentioned that the Authority has officially closed on the Hoback Investment bond.</p> <p>Finally Robbie gave a presentation on how the Authority staff has been using social media to drive traffic to our website. He also showed the board how we were using the data that the board and the county have given us access to for project research and on our website.</p>		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>Old Business</b>			
0 Minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>New Business</b>			
0 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>Calendar of Events</b>			
0 minute(s)	Mark Wills		
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>Public Comment</b>			
21 minute(s)			

Discussion	<p>Ron Cross- Chairman Cross mentioned that the county is busy with many rezoning requests along Lewiston Road. He also gave a update on several road projects in the County.</p> <p>Gary Richardson- As a new commissioner he noted that he looked forward to working with the Development Authority.</p> <p>Tim Rausch- Will be writing a piece on the County's Vision 2035 and will be contacting several people in the room for comments.</p> <p>Tammy Shepherd- Tammy mentioned several events the Chamber has planned for the first quarter in 2016. She also mentioned that Heath Taylor has left and she is now looking for a new VP.</p> <p>Andrew Strickland- Mentioned gave an updated on the Vision 2035 plan and mentioned that they are renewing their push for the Euchee Creek Greenway.</p> <p>Stan Shepherd- Mentioned that AT&amp;T has announced that the Augusta area will be one of their Giga Cities which is their version of a Google City.</p>		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>Closed Session</b>			
12 Minute(s)	Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss one personnel matter. Stan Shepherd/ Second: Mike Holliman. Motion carries		
Discussion	One personnel matter was discussed. No action was taken. Motion to return to regular session made by Jean Garniewicz/ Second: Phil Gaffney.		
Conclusion	No action was taken in closed session. Upon returning from Closed Session Hugh Hollar made a motion to approve a 4% merit increase for the Executive Director. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. The motion carried.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>Adjournment</b>		<b>8:40 A.M.</b>	
<b>Next meeting: January 27, 2016</b>		DACC Conference Room	All