

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
2-Apr-19			7:30 a.m.		BOC Conference Room	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Mark Wills					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Mark Wills					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	8:30 a.m.					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Phil Gaffney	Y
	Hugh Hollar	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	N
	Ron Thigpen	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	N
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Anita Patel, Taylor Edwards, Chris Driver, Mark Hodges, Dr. Tom Clark, Gary Richardson					
Meeting Agenda						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Mark Wills					
Discussion	Mark Wills called the meeting to order and welcomed guests. The agenda of the April 2nd, 2019 meeting was approved.					
Conclusions	Ron Thigpen made a motion to accept the April 2nd, 2019 meeting agenda. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Mark Wills					
Discussion	Minutes of February 27, 2019 meeting approved.					
Conclusions	Ron Thigpen made a motion to accept the February 27, 2019 minutes. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	
DACC Financial Report						
2 minute(s)	Rick Evans					
Discussion	February 2019 financials were reviewed for information purposes only					
Conclusions	None					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	

Chairman's Report			
1 minute(s)	Mark Wills		
Discussion	Mark Wills welcomed meeting guests and thanked the Board and staff for their hard work and dedication to DACC.		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
7 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett, Phil Gaffney, Taylor Edwards		
Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett sharing the Property Development Committee report stating that the committee discussed the due diligence necessary for Phase 2 of the Plaza and the 322 acres adjacent to the White Oak Industrial Park.</p> <p>Phil Gaffney and Taylor Edwards shared the Existing Business Committee report. Discussed was the increase in industry touches from site visits to advocacy to data sharing from existing businesses. Taylor Edwards shared that the College and Career Expo was a successful and well-attended event. She also shared that the annual Opportunity Zone report was sent to DCA and there was an increase in participation by those eligible for Opportunity Zone incentives. Social media presence/touches increasing. Kerry Bridges, Hugh Hollar and Jean Garniewicz commended Taylor's hard work on social media content and the newsletter.</p>		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
16 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Positive leads, conversations and relationships resulting from his and Taylor Edwards attendance of RSA, Site Selectors Guild, Cyber-Mission events. He shared that Columbia County's presence is being valued by the State of Georgia. * Greenfield building auction results are not yet available but will be shared once DACC receives information. * Capital Campaign going well with several in-kind sponsors being interested including Emineo marketing. There are requests out for co-chairs for the campaign. * DACC is getting ready to host guests for Masters Week, good list of site selectors and film location managers. * Grad Certification for White Oak should be complete by May. * Regional workforce study being considered by Richmond, Aiken and Columbia County 		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	

Old Business		
0 minute(s)	None	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
New Business		
8 minutes	Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	<p>Robbie updated the Board that the CAEL grant was not received but there is a collaborative regional workforce study being considered for which he recommends Columbia County's participation. Would require a \$25,000 from DACC and \$25,000 CRO funds to participate.</p> <p>ClubHouse - Cyber Innovation Cluster Grant. (I-6 grant).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - requesting 5 - 8 hours per week of staff support or weekly meetings and monthly meeting - a suggestion was made to hire an intern for facilitate this work - benefit to DACC would be to network with entrepreneurs, as well as achieve strategic plan goal 	
Conclusions	<p>Motion made by Hugh Hollar to authorize DACC to participate in a regional workforce study using \$25,000 of DACC budget and \$25,000 CRO funds. Second: Jean Garniewicz. (7-0)</p> <p>Motion made by Hugh Hollar to commit DACC to provide hours and space to support an in-kind donation to the Clubhouse - Cyber Innovation center. Second: Jean Garniewicz. (7-0)</p>	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Calendar of Events		
1 minute(s)	Mark Wills, Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	Business Recruitment post-poned meeting date will be shared when decided due to a conflict with the AUSA change of command breakfast.	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Public Comments		
4 minute(s)	Dr. Tom Clark, Gary Richardson, Mark Hodges	
Discussion	<p>Commissioner Gary Richardson shared that the BOC is working on next year's budget which should be finalized soon.</p> <p>Dr. Tom Clark shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Army Cyber has June 2020 scheduled for the Army Cyber move-in. * Current construction projects are on schedule for completion. * School Superintendents from Columbia, Richmond and Aiken Counties, as well as tax assessors, took at trip to Maryland to meet with transition teams. * There will be a change in Commanding Generals for Fort Gordon coming up. * Governor Kemp and Lt. Governor Cagle will be attending the Red Carpet event on Thursday, April 11th. * Stan Shepherd received the Leadership Award as Cyber Leader in the region for his work with the community and region and he will be recognized on May 9th at Invest Augusta 	

Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Closed Session			
34 minute(s)	Mark Wills, Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	Motion to enter Closed Session: Hugh Hollar. 2nd: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (6-0) Motion to exit Closed Session: Jean Garniewicz. 2nd: Hugh Hollar. Motion carries unanimously. (6-0) One real estate matter was discussed, but no action was taken in closed session. Action will be taken in open session.		
Conclusions	Hugh Hollar motioned to amend the Option Agreement between Meybohm and the Development Authority of Columbia County - extending the deadline for closing of Phase 2 of The Plaza to May 3, 2019 due amending the property description and changes to the IGA between the Development Authority of Columbia County and the Columbia County Board of Commissioners with the Chairman of the authority to have the ability to execute legal documents between DACC, Columbia County and Meybohm. 2nd. Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (6-0)		
Action Items	Option agreement for 322 acres in Appling	Person Responsible	Robbie
None		N/A	N/A
Adjournment		8:31 a.m.	
Conclusions	Motion to adjourn: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Hugh Hollar. Motion carries unanimously. (6-0)		
Next meeting: April 24, 2019		DACC Conference Room	All