

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
29-May-20			8:30 a.m.		Virtual	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	9:50 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Phil Gaffney	Y
	Hugh Hollar	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Ron Thigpen	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	Y
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards, Anita Patel, Chris Driver, Dr.Tom Clark					
Meeting Agenda						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	Kerry Bridges called the meeting to order. The agenda of the May 29, 2020 meeting was approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Stan Shepherd. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items				Person Responsible	Deadline	
N/A				N/A	N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	The minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting were approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Stan Shepherd. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items				Person Responsible	Deadline	
DACC Financial Report						
5 minute(s)	Rick Evans					
Discussion	Rick Evans reviewed the April 2020 Financials with the Board sharing that Total Liabilities and Net Assets are: \$6,700,492.36 and that the budget was on track from an administrative and personnel standpoint. The Economic Development category was under budget due to the cancellation of business development activities due to the pandemic. A motion was made to approve April 2020 financials as submitted. Motion: Hugh Hollar. Second: Ron Thigpen. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Conclusions	None					
Action Items				Person Responsible	Deadline	
None				N/A	N/A	
Chairman's Report						
5 minute(s)	Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	Kerry Bridges thanked the Board and Staff for everyone's cooperation, diligence and efficiency in getting so many tasks accomplished over the past few weeks including but not limited to, White Oak, Amazon, FY 20/21 Budget, Recovery Task Force, despite the situation.					
Conclusions	None					
Action Items				Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None				N/A	N/A	

DACC Committee Reports			
7 minute(s)	Stan Shepherd, Phil Gaffney, Taylor Edwards		
Discussion	<p>Property Committee - Stan Shepherd shared that the Property Committee met on May 8th. The committee discussed how best to make White Oak a "green park." Property discussions were also held on Gate 6, the property across from the White Oak Business Park, and extension of the option on the Prather Property.</p> <p>Exiting Business Committee - Taylor Edwards shared that the Existing Business Development &amp; Workforce Development Committee met on May 8th and discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COVID19 support strategy, immediate needs versus recovery efforts, including business survival, cash flow, available resources</li> <li>- Cancellations/Post-ponements of business development events and conferences planned for Spring/early Summer</li> <li>- Workforce Study by Garner Economics - complete and under staff review</li> <li>- Online Recovery Taskforce survey - currently being shared with businesses</li> </ul>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
17 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards		
Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett shared the Economic Development Director's report and Taylor Edwards shared the Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager report. Both of these reports are attached to the minutes.</p> <p>Robbie also shared that unemployment in Columbia pre-pandemic was 3.3% and now is at 8.8%, Aiken is 9%, Richmond County is 12%. Data shows that our labor force numbers decreased by 6000 people from 75K to 69K.</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Old Business			
15 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Robbie discussed the 2020-21 fiscal year budget. Kerry Bridges said that DACC and strong leadership have been good stewards of these funds and the accomplishments over the past few years show this.</p> <p>Robbie shared an overview of the MOU for the Grand Oak Development by Southeastern Development which plans to build an apartment/retail center next to the Plaza at Evans Town Center. This MOU allows DACC to start drafting bond documents. Hugh Hollar shared that this will be a good step to supporting the Plaza with the density needed to support the businesses in the Plaza.</p>		
Conclusions	<p>1. Motion to approve FY 20/21 Budget. Motion: Mark Wills Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>2. Motion to approve the MOU for the Grand Oak Development. Motion: Phil Gaffney. Second: Rick Evans. Motion carries unanimously (8-0). Mark Wills was not present during the discussion of the Grand Oak Development &amp; MOU.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
New Business			
9 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Discussion took place on an option agreement with Pumpkin Center Properties, LLC. The Property Committee recommended \$20,000 to extend the option agreement for this property.</p> <p>TAD and redevelopment were discussed. A redevelopment consultant search RFP will go out in early June with proposals due by June 18th. DACC will work with the Columbia County Planning and Zoning department on this.</p>		
Conclusions	<p>Motion to extend the option agreement with Pumpkin Center Properties for \$20,000. Motion: Hugh Hollar. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>Motion was made to support TAD development and the issuance of an RFP for a consultant. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously (9-0).</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	

Calendar of Events			
2 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	June 3rd - Business Recruitment & Incentives Program Committee meeting. June 24 - DACC Board Meeting		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Public Comments			
12 minute(s)	Dr. Tom Clark		
Discussion	Dr. Tom Clark shared that training and construction continue at the Installation. Colonel Clifford has shared that the Army Cyber move will continue as planned. The move can happen when the Installation shows a downward trend in COVID19 cases. Currently 31 cases total with 0 new cases over the last few days. The main body of Army Cyber will be here by September 2020. Dr. Clark shared that he is hopeful that the move- in and out - will help the hotel industry. The Fort Gordon Alliance website will be updated to include Cyber Jobs, Cyber K-12 education efforts, and a master list of cyber companies.		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Closed Session			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion			
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Adjournment			
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the May 29, 2020 Board Meeting at 9:50 am. Motion: Stan Shepherd. Second: Rick Evans. The motion passed unanimously. (9-0)		
Next meeting: June 24, 2020	DACC Conference Room	All	