

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
22-Mar-23			7:30 a.m.		DACC	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman Rick Evans					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	8:30AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	Y
	Jim Cox	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Mark Herbert	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	N
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Anita Patel, Chris Driver, Garrett Dragano, Dr. Steve Flynt, Dr. Tom Clark, Commissioner Connie Melear, Commissioner Gary Richardson					
Meeting Agenda						
1 minute(s)						
Discussion	Rick Evans called the meeting to order. The agenda for the March 22, 2023 meeting was approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Wills. 2nd: Mark Herbert. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
N/A			N/A		N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman Rick Evans recommended the minutes for the February 22, 2023 Board Meeting be approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Wills. 2nd: Mark Herbert. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
Financials						
3 minute(s)	Christina Purkapile					
Discussion	Christina Purkapile presented the February 2023 Financial report to the board sharing that there were \$15.8 million in Total Net Assets & Liabilities. February expenses include April showcase expenditures for Red Carpet as well as house rental fee. Wetland credits have been received White Oak Business Park saving approximately \$134K in development costs.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz Second: Jim Cox. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	

Chairman's Report			
10 minute(s)	Rick Evans		
Discussion	<p>Chairman Rick Evans shared Robbie Bennett has accepted a new position outside of the organization and that this would be his final board meeting with April 14th being his last day with the Development Authority of Columbia County. Rick Evans and the Board shared their appreciation to Robbie as well as a thank you gift on behalf of the Board and Staff.</p> <p>Rick has also shared that work continues with the preparation for the April Showcase and that a schedule will be shared with the Board.</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
5 minute(s)	Stan Shepherd, Jean Garniewicz		
Discussion	<p>Property Committee - Stan Shepherd shared that the committee discussed road work progress at White Oak, delays due to rain and the lift station bid. There was a discussion on grading, appraisals of the front parcels of the business park. Discussion of how assessments on the 2500 acres neighboring the park, labor force, childcare issues and waster water capacity will affect the progress of the park's growth. The committee also approved the proposals for new replacement plants that are needed for the entrance to White Oak.</p> <p>Existing Business & Workforce Committee - Jean Garniewicz shared that issues affecting workforce dealing with childcare were discussed. Many companies nationally are trying to find ways to assist with daycare centers. Garrett Dragano discussed Existing Industry appreciation event with the Green Jackets/SRP Park some time in May. He also discussed work-based learning program put into place by Columbia County schools and Georgia Power's apprenticeship program. Garrett is also working with the Chamber and County on the CEO Roundtable program.</p>		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
15 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett shared the following in the March 2023 Economic Development Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - White Oak - Roads, lift station, waterlines and master planning for Phase 2 updates - Existing Industry - Garrett is working on Existing Industry appreciation event and workforce development issues dealing with childcare and housing - Robbie review project activities - April showcase plans have been finalized - Area Development conference (April 17-19) will be attended by Garrett Dragano - GEDA Spring Workshop (May 17 - 19) will be attended by DACC staff. 		
Conclusions	None		
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			
5 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>White Oak Landscaping - Yellowstone Landscaping surveyed the plants at the beginning of the season. Based on their review, several of the plants had not survived winter. They made several recommendations. In total, they recommend replacing 56 dead plants, this includes one tree. The total for the work is \$5,760.50</p> <p>ReSimplifi - In 2022, the State made a move to receive its data from the company Resimplifi. Resimplifi provides services to the State. As a local community we have an opportunity to partner with Resimplifi to update our local database and automatically update our partner sites. By contract with Resimplifi at \$6,000 per year, we would have all of our sites and buildings update automatically on our site and partner sites, have access to key data</p>		
Conclusions	<p>Motion #1 – Motion to approve the landscape replacement recommendations made by Yellowstone Landscaping totaling \$5,760.50. Motion Mark Herbert. 2nd: Kerry Bridges. Motion passes unanimously (8-0).</p> <p>Motion #2 - Motion to approve the proposal to contract with Resimplifi at \$6,000 per year to provide site and building database updates. Motion: Mark Herbert. 2nd: Jean Garniewicz.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Public Comments			
10 minute(s)	Dr. Steve Flynt, Dr. Tom Clark, Commissioner Connie Melear, Commissioner Gary Richardson		
Discussion	<p>Commissioner Connie Melear thanked Robbie Bennett for his service to Columbia County.</p> <p>Commissioner Gary Richardson thanked Robbie Bennett for his hard work for the County. He shared data on road projects and time lines and he made a recommendation to continue to keep the title "Executive Director" for Robbie Bennett's successor.</p> <p>Dr. Clark shared the following: - The Renaming Ceremony for "Fort Eisenhower" is scheduled for October 12, 2023. - 85% of Fort Gordon will be out for Spring Break - Meeting held with Governor Kemp to discuss I-20 connector.</p> <p>Dr. Flynt shared the following updates: - Westmont Elementary School construction is underway. North Columbia Elementary school site work approval is underway. Junior Achievement buildout has started. Budget work has started as well - projecting out 5 years.</p>		

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None	N/A	N/A
Calendar of Events		
1minute(s)	Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	The Business Recruitment Committee Meeting scheduled for April will be cancelled due to conflict in scheduling with April Showcase. The April 26th DACC Board Meeting will be held as scheduled.	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Closed Session		
30 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	Motion to enter Closed Session: Stan Shepherd. 2nd: Mark Herbert. Motion carries unanimously (8-0) Motion to exit Closed Session: Mark Wills. 2nd: Jim Cox. Motion carries unanimously (8-0) One personnel matter and one property matter were discussed in closed session. Action to be taken in open session.	
Conclusions	Motion to approve the GA Power easement for White Oak Business Park and to allow DACC Chairman to negotiate. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. 2nd: Stan Shepherd. Motion carries unanimously (7-0). Kerry Bridges abstained.	
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Adjournment		8:30
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the February 22, 2023 Board Meeting at 8:40 am. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Christina Purkapile. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).	
Next meeting: April 26, 2023	DACC	All