



**DACC Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee**

<b>July 12, 2024</b>		8:30 AM	DACC Conference Room
Called by	Jean Garniewicz - called the meeting to order at 8:30		
Meeting	Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee		
Facilitator	Jean Garniewicz		
Note taker	Linda Peplau		
Adjourned	9:16 AM		
Attendees	Jean Garniewicz (by phone), Kerry Bridges, Rick Evans		
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge (by phone) , Anita Patel & Linda Peplau		

**Meeting Agenda**

1 minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz
Discussion	Jean Garniewicz called for a motion to jointly approve the Agenda for the July 12, 2024, Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee meeting & the minutes for the March 08, 2024, Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee meeting.
Conclusions	Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Rick Evans The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

0 minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz
Discussion	See above.
Conclusions	Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Rick Evans The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**Old Business**

8 Minutes	Jean Garniewicz
Discussion	Jean Garniewicz shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continual discussion on child care needs in our community.</li> <li>• Continual discussion &amp; ideas for more retailers in our community.</li> </ul>



New Business	
20 minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz & Cheney Eldridge
Discussion	<p>Cheney Eldridge shares the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Progress report on Project Manager hiring:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Narrowed résumés from 60 to 10.</li> <li>○ 10 completed a questionnaire.</li> <li>○ 4 finalist are were interviewed.</li> <li>○ An offer has been made, county paperwork is being complete and waiting for county commissioners' approval.</li> <li>○ Plans to introduce the new Project Manager to our communities' Major Industries.</li> <li>○ Kerry Bridges suggests crafting a 1 page expectations list for Existing Businesses, along with a RFI, to insure a successful start/mentor-ship.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cheney would like to make a measurable system to rate her staff.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rick Evan suggests, Cheney reach out to the county for a progress report evaluation process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Provided an update on the passing of the JDA &amp; tax credit benefits.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kerry Bridges inquires about the JDA Directors.</li> <li>○ Rick Evans, inquires about bylaw revisions.</li> <li>○ Meeting requirements.</li> <li>○ Kerry Bridges suggests, creating an article to email or hand out to comptrollers to explain the tax benefits of the JDA.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Discussion on the State of the Community event</b> - asking the Chamber to allow Cheney to speak to the community to educate them on the JDA benefits &amp; tax credits.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion on Military Zones-</b> boundaries &amp; tax benefits.</li> <li>• <b>Board Retreat</b> discussion- dates &amp; locations.</li> <li>• <b>Project updates</b> - RFI completions - 7 projects since Cheney's start date.</li> </ul>
Updates	
14 minute(s)	Cheney Eldridge & Anita Patel
Discussion	<p>Cheney Eldridge shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Industry visits &amp; updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shares that we have completed the Wage and Benefits survey. All participants (3 regions) are entitled to obtain the results of the compiled data.</li> <li>○ Appointment with a John Deere representative has been set. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plans to discuss the recent layoffs in other states.</li> <li>- Plans to learn about the changes in the market regarding their industry.</li> <li>- Will inquire about their pipeline and how DACC can help facilitate the upcoming projects in our community.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Update on the recent visit to Palmetto Industries &amp; KSB GIW with Adela Kelley (GDEcD).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>White Oak updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cheney reported on her meeting with Thomas &amp; Hutton regarding historical construction at White Oak.</li> <li>○ Mr. Evans suggests getting a road expansion draw request report for review/status/remaining balance.</li> <li>○ Lift station updates = construction crew hit granite (needs blasting &amp; waiting on a quote).</li> <li>○ Anita Patel shows a photo of the new Club Car sign &amp; shares we have a new light rep. @ GA Power.</li> <li>○ Anita Patel gave a landscape update with photos. Discussion &amp; suggestions were shared.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Adjournment	
Conclusions	9:16 AM
Conclusions	Jean Garniewicz called for a motion to adjourn: Motion: Kerry Bridges - Second: Rick Evans. The motion passed unanimously (3-0)
Next meeting: September 13, 2024	Development Authority Conference Room