

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
August 28, 2024			7:31 AM		DACC Conference Room	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans - called the meeting to order @ 7:31					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Note taker	Linda Peplau					
Adjourned	8:25 AM					
Board Attendance	Rick Evans	Y	Mark Herbert	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	Y
	Mark Wills	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Jim Cox	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Ben Stapleton	Y
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Chris Driver, Anita Patel, Linda Peplau, Dr. Steven Flynt (CCBOE) & Dr. Tom Clark (The Alliance for Fort Eisenhower)					
Meeting Agenda						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to jointly approve the Agenda for the August 28, 2024, DACC Board Meeting & the minutes for the July 24, 2024 DACC Board Meeting.					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Herbert 2nd: Jim Cox Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
N/A			N/A		N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
0 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	See above.					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Herbert 2nd: Jim Cox Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
DACC Financial Report						
4 minutes	Treasurer, Mark Wills					
Discussion	<p>Treasurer, Mark Wills, presented the July 2024 financial report, highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points out, that this is just a draft report at this point since FY2024 figures are not yet finalized. • DACC's monthly financial report transition timeline update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The County, has moved the start date back a few months due to being in the middle of their audit. ◦ Financial Reports will continue to be produced the same as they have been, until the county is ready to take them over. • Page 2- Balance Sheet report and status. • Gave a Fixed Asset & Cash Balance report. • Shared the new budget report for the new fiscal year. • Expense report recap for the month of July, 2024. • Rick Evans, shared that the new appropriation allotments starts in September. Excess/catch up funds were divided by 12 months for monthly distribution. • Mark Herbert opened a discussion regarding bond funds and higher interest earning potential for cash at hand/bank. 					
Conclusions	No need for approval until finalization.					

Chairman's Report	
2 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans
Discussion	<p>Chairman, Rick Evans shares the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shares details & his experience of the Savannah Port Tour that took place on August 20th. • Board Retreat updates (09.26-09.27)/suggestions for agenda topics. • Project report updates.
DACC Committee Reports	
2 minutes	Jim Cox for Business Recruitment & Incentive Program Committee
Discussion	<p>Jim Cox, shared & updated on the following committee meeting topics for the Business Recruitment & Incentive Program Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the function of the committee. • Discussed ideas for a Guideline/Business plan handbook to provide guidance & assistance to future retailers & industries. • Shared that the Savannah Port trip on 08.20.2024, was a success. • Informed the board that the Thurmond Dam tour has been set for November 7th @ 1pm.
Project Updates	
13 minutes	Anita Patel
Discussion	<p>Anita Patel shares the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports on her efforts on assisting a new business owner, obtain occupancy & operational licensing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Working with Planning & Zoning as a conduit for faster results. ◦ Assisting with this project & the discussions in the BRI meeting, have highlighted the need for a Business guidebook/handbook for new businesses. • Update reports on the Wage Survey that she is collaborating with Stuart on. • Shared details of the successful Green Jacket appreciation event that took place on 08.14. 2024. • Reports on the details of the upcoming IEDC conference (09.15-09.18.2024). • Shared that she is working in some website updates. • Gives the board some retail updates in our community. • White Oak Landscape updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ New quotes from Four Seasons per Mark Herbert. ◦ Mark Herbert suggests tree hormone & refers Matthew Turf for an evaluation of the trees. ◦ Kerry Bridges suggests, tapping into the existing irrigation to lengthen the watering capabilities.

Economic Development Update		
19 minutes	Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge	
Discussion	<p>Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge shares the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports that Stuart Hilsman is currently attending an Economic Development class for a better understanding of his new role as Project Manager. • Shares that Evans was ranked #2, best place to live in Georgia by USA Today for quality of life. • Gave a lift station progress report. • Board Retreat update (September 26 & 27). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Provided an itinerary for the retreat. ◦ GA Power -Georgia Experience Center in ATL, GA. (10AM- 09.26.2024). ◦ Town of Trilith/Trilith Studios in Fayetteville, GA. (09.26.2024 (stay the night) & 09.27.2024 -tour). ◦ Chairman, Rick Evans, suggests emailing the board the agenda/powerpoint from the last board retreat for strategy planning & benchmarking. • Mark Herbert, opens a conversation regarding partnering with neighboring counties for a more successful growth outcome. Kerry Bridges adds to the benefits of collaborating with surrounding communities. • Update on The State of the Community on 09.12.2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cheney will have a few minutes on stage to present. ◦ Reserved a table of 8, 2 seats left. • Cheney presented her new business card with a dynamic QR Code to the board. The Dynamic QR code was suggested to the DACC staff in a Business Recruitment & Incentive committee meeting. • Project report update - 6 active projects with the potential of 1000 new jobs. 	
Early Exit	Sanjeev Singhal, exits it board meeting at 8:08 AM	
Calendar of Events		
2 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 12, 2024 State of the Community • September 13, 2024 Property Dev. Committee @ 7:30 • September 13, 2024 Executive Committee @ 8:30 • September 13, 2024 Existing Business Dev. & Workforce Dev. Committee @ 9:30 • September 15-18, 2024 IEDC- Annual Conference • September 18-20, 2024 GEDA- Annual Conference • September 25, 2024 Board Meeting (CANCELED) • September 26-27, 2024 Board Retreat 	
Public Comments		
10 minutes	Dr. Tom Clark (Alliance for Fort Eisenhower) & Dr. Steven Flynt (CCBOE)	
Discussion	<p>Dr. Tom Clark shared the following Fort Eisenhower updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shares about TechNet Augusta 2024, held on Augusta 19-22.2024, with 6,349 registrants. • Reported on the new commanders at Fort Eisenhower. • Updated on Fort Eisenhower's impact in the region, being an economic engine for the CSRA. • Shared that gate #1 at the fort was hit by a car and will need to be repaired. <p>Dr. Steven Flynt shared the following CCBOE updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual goals were presented at a meeting on 08.27.2024. • Shared the construction progress & completion for the schools in the district. 	
Adjournment		8:25 AM
Conclusions	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to adjourn the August 28, 2024, Board Meeting at 8:25 AM. Motioned: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Jim Cox Motion carries unanimously (8-0)	
Next meeting: October 23,2024		All