



EDACC Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee	
<b>November 8, 2024</b>	9:32 AM EDACC Conference Room
Called by	Jean Garniewicz - called the meeting to order at 9:32
Meeting	Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee
Facilitator	Jean Garniewicz (by phone)
Note taker	Linda Peplau
Adjourned	10:15 AM
Attendees	Jean Garniewicz (BY PHONE), Rick Evans, & Kerry Bridges
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Stuart Hilsman & Linda Peplau
Meeting Agenda	
1 minute	Jean Garniewicz
Discussion	Jean Garniewicz called for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the November 08, 2024, Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee meeting & the minutes for the September 13, 2024, Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee meeting.
Conclusions	Motion: Rick Evans 2nd: Kerry Bridges The motion passed unanimously (2-0).
Minutes of Previous Meeting	
0 minutes	Jean Garniewicz
Discussion	See above.
Conclusions	Motion: Rick Evans 2nd: Kerry Bridges The motion passed unanimously (2-0).
Old Business	
9 Minutes	Jean Garniewicz & EDACC staff
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jean Garniewicz shared the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jean shares that she loves the new <b>John Deere commercial</b>.</li> <li>○ Reports that the <b>visual project report</b> was well received at the last board meeting.</li> <li>○ Discussion on the <b>new logo</b> and branding improvements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kerry Bridges shares information on the current <b>data storage industry</b>.</li> </ul>



New Business & Updates	
32 minute(s)	Cheney Eldridge & staff
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Cheney Eldridge shares the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>GA Power</b> has awarded the EDACC a <b>65,000.00 grant</b> for future development at White Oak.</li> <li>○ Nothing new to report regarding Smoke Show BBQ.</li> <li>○ Shares information of a new Parker's Kitchen coming to Columbia Co., by Patriot's Park.</li> <li>○ Update on John Deere's road privatization/road extension.</li> <li>○ Gave an accident report at <b>Innovation Drive</b>, resulting in correction of its current status from private property to county property.</li> <li>○ <b>Board retreat</b> rescheduling discussion.</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Rick Evans shares the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Be Pro Be Proud sponsorship fee</b> will be reimbursed to EDACC by SRS-CRO under the workforce development qualifications.</li> <li>○ Reports that SPLOST was approved on 11.05.2024, great benefit to our school system.</li> <li>○ Shares information on available hurricane relief grants through SBA.</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Stuart Hilsman shares the following for BRI &amp; existing industries:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gives a wage survey report update (BRE).</li> <li>○ Shares a post hurricane report regarding Club Car (existing industries).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kerry Bridges shares the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Wage Survey</b> suggestions for more business involvement.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Divide and conquer strategies with board member's involvement for a higher participation rate.</li> <li>- Create a campaign to show the benefits of business participation for recruitment &amp; retention.</li> <li>- The more businesses that participate the more information we have to share to prospects.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Shares stats and figures on GA Power's post hurricane cleanup mission.</li> <li>○ Shares information of available hurricane relief grants courtesy of AmEx &amp; the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	10:15 AM
Conclusions	Jean Garniewicz called for a motion to adjourn: Motion: Rick Evans - Second: Kerry Bridges. The motion passed unanimously (2-0)
Next meeting: January 10, 2025	Economic Development Authority Conference Room