



EDACC Board Meeting Minutes						
November 20, 2024			7:30 AM		EDACC Conference Room	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans - called the meeting to order @ 7:30					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Note taker	Linda Peplau					
Adjourned	8:38 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	Y
	Jim Cox	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Mark Herbert	ABSENT	Kerry Bridges	ABSENT	Ben Stapleton	ABSENT
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Chris Driver, Anita Patel, Stuart Hilsman, County Commissioner, Connie Melear & Linda Peplau					
Meeting Agenda						
3 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the November 20, 2024, EDACC Board Meeting (with two correction) & the minutes for the October 23, 2024, EDACC Board Meeting.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jim Cox 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously. (6-0)					
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
0 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	See above.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jim Cox 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously. (6-0)					
DACC Financial Report						
6 minute(s)	Treasurer, Mark Wills					
Discussion	<p>Treasurer, Mark Wills, reports on the following items in the draft of the October 2024 financial reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shares that the changing of line items & adopted budget revisions are still in process. • Page 3- reflects the refund for the hotel deposit for our canceled board retreat. • Gives a budget report from page 7 & 8. • Reports on annual audit - currently ongoing, auditor are requesting items to review. 					
Conclusions	This is only a draft. Waiting to see if auditors have any changes.					

Chairman's Report	
2 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion/updates, on the rescheduling of the board retreat.
DACC Committee Reports	
22 minute(s)	Mark Wills for Property Development Committee & Jean Garniewicz for Existing Business Development & Workforce Dev.
Discussion	Mark Wills shared & updated on the following committee meeting topics for Property Dev. Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Oak updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Landscape/tree replacement (tree quotes were provided). ○ A Master Signage Plan progress update. ○ Covenant Agreement progress update. ○ Lift Station progress update. ○ Water main easement update. ○ Augusta Tech partnership prospects. Jean Garniewicz shared & updated on the following committee meeting topics for Existing Business Dev. & Workforce Dev.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Deere newest commercial. • Data storage industry in our region. • Visual project report for the board. • A wage survey report was given by Stuart Hilsman at the request of Jean Garniewicz. • Georgia Power grant. • Smoke Show BBQ update.
Early exit	Sanjeev Singhal, exits the meeting at 7:50
Project Updates	
5 minute(s)	Stuart Hilsman
Discussion	Stuart Hilsman shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 new RFI ○ 9 total projects (4 Active) ○ 2,375 potential jobs ○ \$8.685 billion in potential investment ○ \$7.513 billion in potential investment ○ 900 potential jobs



Economic Development Update		
14 minute(s)	Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge	
Discussion	<p>Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge shares the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update report on the Amazon easement. • Horizon South & John Deere signage update. • Sheriff's data base correction for Innovation Parkway (changed from privately owned to county owned). • GA Power grant- EDACC was awarded a \$65,000.00 grant from GA Power, for future development at White Oak. • Water main easement updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has scheduled a meeting with Will Butler with Planning and Zoning to discuss options. • Board training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next available in person training is on 02.11.2024 (8:30-4:30) in Macon GA. • Leadership Columbia County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheney gave a presentation on 11.13.2024 at Club Car, with both her project managers present. ○ Youth Leadership Columbia County will be held on 12.05.2024. <p>Jim Cox opens a discussion regarding the Regional Agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheney shares that the next JDA meeting is scheduled for next month (December 2024). 	
Public Comments		
14 minute(s)	County Commissioner, Connie Melear	
Discussion	<p>County Commissioner, Connie Melear shares the following county updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports on the General Assembly updates. • Opens discussion and shares information regarding property tax relief. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shares pros and cons of the relief plan/amendment. ○ Shares pros and cons of opting out of the relief plan/amendment. • Shares a current hurricane debris update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 80-85 trucks are on the road daily to resolve the debris issue in our communities. 	
Calendar of Events		
1 minute		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 04, 2024 Business Recruitment & Incentive Committee Meeting • December 11, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting • December 18, 2024 Board Meeting 	
Adjournment		8:38 AM
Conclusions	<p>Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to adjourn the November 20, 2024, board meeting at 8:38 a.m. Motioned: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously (5-0)</p>	
Next meeting: December 18,2024		All