



EDACC Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee		
January 13, 2025		9:34 AM
EDACC Conference Room		
Called by	Kerry Bridges - called the meeting to order at 9:34	
Meeting	Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee	
Facilitator	Kerry Bridges	
Note taker	Linda Peplau	
Adjourned	10:11 AM	
Attendees	Rick Evans & Kerry Bridges	
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Anita Patel, Stuart Hilsman & Linda Peplau	
Meeting Agenda		
1 minute	Kerry Bridges	
Discussion	Kerry Bridges called for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the January 13, 2025, Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee meeting & the minutes for the November 08, 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	Kerry Bridges	
Discussion	See above.	
Conclusions	Motion: Rick Evans 2nd: Kerry Bridges The motion passed unanimously (2-0).	
Old Business		
8 Minutes	EDACC staff	
Discussion	<p>Cheney Eldridge shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave an update report on the car accident at Innovation Drive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reporting officer reported Innovation drive as private ownership. ○ The county sheriff's software was correct (listed as county property). • Reported that Be Pro Be Proud was postponed to 2026. • Participation discussion for the Columbia County Career & College Expo (current & future years). 	



New Business & Updates	
28 minutes	
Discussion	<p>Stuart Hilsman shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He and Adela Kelley (for state incentives) have set appointments to meet with Horizon S. tenants for introductions & discovery needs. • Industry visit goals/creating an up to date industry contact list. • Reports on the 01.24.2025, SRS-CRO Housing Study meeting in the EDACC board room. <p>Kerry Bridges shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests that the EDACC staff creates a Prospect Summary Report to add to our website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Build & articulate well a few bullet points differentiating W. Oak from other industrial park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Responsible management of White Oak & its storm water run offs. * Continual county upkeep of the wetlands in the park. * LED lighting. * Long term & short term goals for White Oak. * Enticing International prospects by reporting standard and sustainability. * Report on our endeavors to respect the communities' eco system. * Good management philosophy/community ethos. <p>Discussion topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on creating a task force for current projects. • Board and committee member replacements (expired terms and potential replacements).
Adjournment	10:11 AM
Conclusions	Kerry Bridges called for a motion to adjourn: Motion: Rick Evans - Second: Kerry Bridges. The motion passed unanimously (2-0)
Next meeting: March 14, 2025	Economic Development Authority Conference Room