



EDACC Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee		
May 9, 2025		EDACC Conference Room
Called by	Jean Garniewicz - called the meeting to order at 8:36	
Meeting	Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee	
Facilitator	Jean Garniewicz	
Note taker	Linda Peplau	
Adjourned	9:32 AM	
Attendees	Jean Garniewicz, Rick Evans & Kerry Bridges	
Staff/Guests	Anita Patel, Stuart Hilsman & Linda Peplau	
Meeting Agenda		
1 minute	Jean Garniewicz	
Discussion	Jean Garniewicz called for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the May 09, 2025, Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee meeting & the minutes for the March 14, 2025, 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 minutes	Jean Garniewicz	
Discussion	See above.	
Conclusions	Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Rick Evans The motion passed unanimously (3-0).	
Old Business		
6 Minutes	EDACC staff	
Discussion	Stuart Hilsman shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master's updates/guests:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Stuart reports that April's Show case already proven fruitful.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* The current project grew in scale through meetings during Masters week (@ ACC).</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• Stuart provides a current project update.</li></ul>	



New Business & Updates		
49 minutes		
Discussion	<p>Kerry Bridges shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Existing Industry:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shared current affairs that can greatly impact existing &amp; future industries in our region as well as nationally &amp; globally.</li> <li>○ Kerry reports that the White Oak phase III project is ahead of the curb by obtaining power transmission capabilities from GA Power well in advance.</li> <li>○ Shares some power transmission strategies for the current White Oak project &amp; prospective White Oak.</li> <li>○ Kerry gives a brief overview of GA Power's generation, transmission and export of power. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Reports on the increase of power demand in the state due to rapid growth.</li> <li>* Shares important details from the IRP (Integrated Resource Plan) submitted by GA Power (Q1 2025).</li> <li>* Gives a brief GA Power pipeline/ramp schedule report.</li> <li>* Shares regulatory structures for gas &amp; power, regulated by the PSC (Public Service Commission).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Anita Patel shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Technology Park website:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anita Patel reports that she and Stuart Hilsman have been working on a website to address the technology park questions at White Oak.</li> <li>○ shares a visual of the FAQ layout.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>New businesses</b> in our community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pinnacle Bank @ Evans Town Center</li> <li>○ Cava @ Evans Town Center</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Stuart Hilsman shares the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Oak Phase 3 <b>rezoning</b> request updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stuart brings the committee up to speed on the meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Planning Commission meeting.</li> <li>* Board of Commissioner's meeting.</li> <li>* Next BOC meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2025.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Stuart brings the board up to date on his <b>Existing Industry visits</b>.</li> </ul> <p>Kerry Bridges encourages Stuart to explore ways to help <b>merge the gap with existing industries and the work-force</b>, by facilitating a partnership with the existing businesses and Augusta Tech., to utilizing the Quick Start Program (a free workforce training program).</p> <p>Rick Evans suggests inviting Julie Langham of Augusta Technical College to a board meeting for a presentation of what the college offers <b>regarding workforce development &amp; placement</b> in our community.</p>	
Adjournment	9:32 AM	
Conclusions	<p>Jean Garniewicz called for a motion to adjourn:</p> <p>Motion: Rick Evans Second: Kerry Bridges The motion passed unanimously (3-0)</p>	
Next meeting: July 11, 2025	Economic Development Authority Conference Room	