



EDACC Executive Committee			
September 19, 2025		10:00 AM	EDACC Conference Room
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans called the meeting to order @ 10:00 AM.		
Type of meeting	Executive Committee Meeting		
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Note taker	Linda Peplau		
Adjourned	11:01 AM		
Attendees	Rick Evans, Stan Shepherd, Mark Wills & Jean Garniewicz		
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge & Linda Peplau		
Meeting Agenda			
1 minute	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans called for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the September 19, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting and the minutes for the August 19,2025, Executive Committee Meeting.		
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously (4-0)		
Minutes of Previous Meeting			
0 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	See above.		
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously (4-0)		
DACC Financial Report			
12 minutes	Treasurer, Mark Wills		
Discussion	Treasurer, Mark Wills, reported on the following items in the financial report: • Page 1 (balance sheet): ○ Provided a Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position summary report. ○ Total Assets report. • Page 2 & 3 (monthly/August expenses): ○ Provided a County Appropriation summary report (balance & future disbursements). ○ Discussed expenditures for the month. * Standard monthly expenses * Future Forward sponsorship (Chamber- CSRA Development Summit 09.04.2025) * 2026 April Showcase expenditures (house rental & driver service) * Legal • Page 6 (2026 FY budget). ○ Two month into the new FY. ○ Rick Evans reported that the line item erroneously titled Misc/Bad Debt at software conversion has been corrected and is now labels Contingency. • Discussed current interest rates and positioning at the bank.		
Conclusions	The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to present the <u>August 2025</u> financial reports to the board for review ONLY. The final approval will take place after the audit has been completed.		



Chairman's Report	
0 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans yields his time to Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge for Economic Development updates.
Economic Development Updates	
14 minutes	Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge
Discussion	Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge shared the following: • Chamber of Commerce Future Forward Summit report: ○ Took place on 09.04.2025 at the Columbia County Exhibition Center (9:00 -1 P.M.) ○ Speakers: * Troy Jordan (Jordon Trotter) * Jordan Collier (Meybohm) * Matt Forshee (Georgia Power) * Robbie Bennett (SRSCRO) * Cheney Eldridge (EDACC) * Call Wray (Augusta Dev. Authority) ○ Summit topics: * Commercial Development * Rising population * Workforce and housing * Regional Economic Development outlook ○ Feedback: * Cheney reported that she has received positive feedback from attendees regarding the Future Forward Summit. She is still answering questions as they come in. * Each Executive Committee member that attended gave their assessment of the event. * Discussed possible plans for next year's forum. • Cheney reported that Anita Patel & Stuart Hilsman are currently in Savannah for the GEDA 2025 Annual Conference. • Stan Shepherd opened a discussion on aquifers, well drilling and water rights by asking about water tapping capabilities for development.
Old Business	
Discussion	N/A
New Business	
Discussion	N/A



Calendar of Events		
1 Minute	Chairman, Rick Evans	
Discussion	• September 19, 2025 -Property Development Committee - 11:00 a.m. • September 24, 2025 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:30 a.m. • October 01, 2025 - Business Recruitment & Incentive Program Committee - 7:30 a.m. • October 21, 2025 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:30 a.m. • October 22, 2025- EDACC Board Meeting - 7:30 a.m.	
Closed Session		
34 minutes	Chairman, Rick Evans	
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to enter closed session. Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously (4-0) Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to exit closed session. Motion: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously (4-0)	
Conclusions	Vice Chairman, Stan Shepherd reported that property matters were discussed during the closed session. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.	
Adjournment		
Conclusions	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to adjourn @ 11:01. Motion: Mark Wills 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously (4-0)	
Next meeting: October 21, 2025		Economic Development Authority Conference Room