

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
December 20, 2023			7:32		DACC	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans - called the meeting to order at 7:32.					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Note taker	Linda M Peplau					
Adjourned	8:47 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	Y
	Jim Cox	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Mark Herbert	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	Not present
Staff/Guests	Anita Patel, Linda Peplau, Dr. Steve Flynt, Dr. Tom Clark & Commissioner Connie Mealer.					
Meeting Agenda						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the December 20, 2023, DACC Board meeting and the minutes for the November 29, 2023, DACC Board meeting with 3 corrections to the minutes. Motion: Stan Shepherd. 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Conclusions	Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
N/A			N/A		N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	See above.					
Conclusions	Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
DACC Financial Report						
3 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman, Rick Evans presented the November 2023 Financial report to the board and points out the below lines items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bond Debt went down to 11,450,058.40. May 2024 bond payment will be interest only. ○ Page 4, Negative reflection on the "Other- Development Class" line of \$1,098,009.73, due to reclassification and move to the balance sheet to capitalized assets. ○ Page 7, Operation expense currently has 66% of the budget remaining. ○ Page 8, Personnel budget is on track with 58% of the budget remaining. Chairman Evans reports that even though we haven't had an Executive Director, we did have some large severance payout that are reflective in the personnel portion of the financials. <p>Chairman, Rick Evans called for a motion to approve the November 2023 Financials. Motioned by: Kerry Bridges. 2nd: Jim Cox. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).</p>					
Conclusions	Motion passed unanimously (8-0).					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	

Chairman's Report			
4 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	<p>Chairman Rick Evans shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director Search updates from TCG's (The Chason Group). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time line on applications & interviews for the current 11 applicants. • Updates on Website changes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DACC's current website maintenance provider Atlas has sold to Hueston Co. ○ Hueston has agreed to grandfather us in at 3000.00 a year for Web Support, Web Maintenance & Web Hosting. ○ Hueston contract starts the 1st of the year of 2024. The DACC staff will continue to update content on the Website. 		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
6 minute(s)	Jim Cox		
Discussion	<p>Business Recruitment & Incentives Program Committee (12.06.2023):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment Zones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential locations = Where the hospital is going to be built in Grovetown, around Farmhaus Burgers, or Greenpoint. ○ Visiting & speaking with other communities we would like to slightly emulate. • Plaza appeal & recruitment to potential retailers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cost being currently a big factor. Businesses choosing to go to cheaper markets such as down town Augusta. 		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
21 minute(s)	Anita Patel		
Discussion	<p>Anita Patel shared the following Economic Development Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Oak -Phase 2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roads- binder & top coat completed, can now drive future prospects further in for viewing (shared photos). ○ Thomas & Hutton, GA Power, Water Utilities and DACC working together on plans for streetlights & power to lift station. ○ All approvals complete for contract awarded to Blair Construction for the pipe/lift station installation (begins in January). ○ Appointment is set with Yellow Stone landscapers for a walk through for plans of new landscape & replanting of old. ○ Signage masterplan for 2024. • Retail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steady volume of trades and professional businesses applying for licenses to work in Columbia County. ○ 48 new business licenses applied for in the month of November 2023. • Workforce & Existing Industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need more restaurants - cost being a huge obstacle. ○ Report on The Childcare Roundtable event on 12.08.2023, hosted by the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Workforce impact due to cost & access with supplemental Federal & State dollars running out. • Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Website updates. ○ Partnering with GIS & CVB to create a new and updated county map to include QR codes for electronic pathways. <p>Chairman Rick Evans reports that the submission to the SRSCRO funding was complete and the application is being reviewed.</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	

None	N/A	N/A
Public Comments		
12 minute(s)	Commissioner Connie Mealer, Dr. Steve Flynt & Tom Clark	
Discussion	<p>Commissioner Connie Mealer shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information on a new pickle ball/ recreational facility coming to CC (Fury Ferry Rd). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10 pickle ball courts. * Hardware store attached to facility. * Indoor Commercial Recreational establishment = 70% sales to 30% alcoholic beverage sales. ○ Recommends DACC reviews the Asphalt index with Reeves Construction since it has been reported to have gone down. ○ Shares that Ray Ray's Car Wash was approved for rezoning- greenspace on Roundtree Way and Riverwatch Parkway. ○ After an inquiry from Chairman Rick Evans regarding Smokeshow BBQ, Commissioner Connie Mealer, reports that Smokeshow has changed contractor due to building costs. <p>Dr. Clark shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday block leave was a huge exercise and was executed perfectly while impacting four thousand plus service personnel. • Starting February 5th, 2024, gate 1 at Fort Eisenhower may only be used by Department of Defense (DoD) ID card holders and those with authorized access credentials/ permits (NO guests). Guests will have to go to gate 6 on Gordon Highway to enter the military installation. <p>Dr. Steven Flynt shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JA Discovery Center of the SCRA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students start their journey at the new JA Discovery Center of the SCRA on January 09, 2024. ○ JA Discovery Center Grand Opening/ Open House on January 11, 2024 ○ The JA Discovery Center will have a Middle School program for 6th & 7th graders, financial literacy for K-12 grade, K-5 curriculum, as well as a one year long course on personal finance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administration is in the process of reviewing an advance curriculum to implement in the future. ○ There will be summer programs at the Discovery Center & rooms to book/conduct business meetings. ○ The JA Discovery Center has an annual projection of 15 thousand students coming through the facility. <p>Dr. Flynt reports that the JA Center will have 18 volunteers a day and asks the board and the community to join the volunteers at any time for a day or longer if able.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing for Westmont starts in January 2024. 	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Calendar of Events		
1 minute(s)	Rick Evans	
Discussion	<p>January 12, 2024 – Property Development Committee January 12, 2024 – Existing Business & Workforce Dev. Committee January 17, 2024 – Executive Committee Meeting January 24, 2024 – DACC Board Meeting</p>	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Closed Session		
25 minute(s)	Rick Evans	
Discussion	<p>Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a Motion to enter into closed session: Motedioned by: Jean Garniewicz 2nd by: Stan Shepherd. Motion carries unanimously (8-0). Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a Motion to exit closed session: Motedioned by: Stan Shepherd. 2nd by: Jim Cox. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).</p>	
Conclusions	Kerry Bridges reports: A personnel matter & a property matter were discussed. No action was taken.	
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Adjournment		8:47
Conclusions	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for motion to adjourn the December 20, 2023, Board Meeting at 8:47 am. Motion: Kerry Bridges. 2nd: Jim Cox. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).	
Next meeting: January 24, 2024	DACC	All