

Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022
20 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA

Attending: James Addison, Brian Akin, Savonda Turner, Chuck Wright, Janney Sanders, Jeremy Spradlin, Christian Hamilton, Brittany Ivey and Lois Hylton.

Chairman Akin called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Wright opened with prayer. Akin led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the confidentiality & conflict of interest statement.

Akin asked for a motion to approve the agenda after moving the Executive Session to follow the Board Action Items, [Wright:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion was made to approve the October 19, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, [Addison:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion was made to approve the October financials as presented, [Addison:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Board Action Items:

President Ivey shared a letter stating the wishes of the Stephens County Soil & Water Conservation District to exercise their first of two options to extend their lease at 1630 Clary Connector (The Strawhouse) for 10 more years.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 7:36 a.m. to discuss the future acquisition, sale or lease of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4). [Wright:Addison]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn Executive Session at 7:53 a.m. [Wright:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Program Updates/Reports:

Attraction: Ivey shared that Project Iron Cross has decided to locate in NC. Project Next, the retail project has one of their sites under contract and is working to get a neighboring site under contract as well. Still working on Project Max Ten. They need 40-60 acres, with rail access to house two buildings totaling 900,000 square feet. Project Power is closing on their 6.22 acres next month. Project Welcome has not been in contact with us, but we are hopeful they are still working with the City.

Existing: Ivey shared that she visited American Woodmark with Congressman Clyde. They are expanding again. MagnaFlow will close doors by December 31 and we are hosting a job fair with Lavonia's IDA on December 16. SungEel will be visiting Toccoa the first week in December. We hope to learn more about their plans at that time.

Product Development: Carter and Sloope has started the survey work for the sewer expansion at HBPP.

President's Report:

We have started securing stops for the 30 educators that will join us on the Discovery Tours. Bowen & Watson has agreed to host the group for breakfast and the Hospital has agreed to lunch. This event is sponsored by Georgia Power and any excess money will be used for externships this summer. Ivey reported that she is exploring helping employers secure returning citizens secure jobs in our industries. Ivey shared that there is state and federal funding available for training these individuals while they are still incarcerated through North Georgia Technical College.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:22 a.m. [Turner:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

Submitted By:

Attested By:

Brian Akin, Chairman

Brittany W. Ivey, President