

Board Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2022
20 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA

Attending: James Addison, Brian Akin, Savonda Turner, Chuck Wright, David Austin, Billy Morse, Christian Hamilton, Julie Paysen, Janney Sanders, 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.

Motion was made to approve the agenda [Wright:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion was made to approve the November 16, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, [Addison:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

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

Board Items:

Brian Akin recognized outgoing County Commission Chairman James Addison for his service on SCDA's board in 2022.

Program Updates/Reports:

Attraction: Ivey reported that Project Max Ten has gone silent since we could not submit any sites served by rail. Paysen shared that Project Next is trying to finalize an assemblage of land on Big A Road. Ivey shared she is working on an RFI for Project Sweet Tea. The project is a heavy water user and the City is helping answer utility questions for them. Morse added that the City will be able to accommodate their utility needs. Project Power closed on their Clary Connector property on December 7th. They have hired a local contractor and they plan to be operating by the end of 2023.

Existing: CKD Pack is trying to move their operations to a hangar at the Toccoa airport. MagnaFlow hosted their job fair. ASI, Patterson Pump, Sark Wire and Sage had a presence there. SungEel leadership was here December 6th. They are in the process of getting bid proposals. They said they want to close after the first of the year on SCDA's property. We offered them a phase in schedule for their job and investment totals in the MOU and are waiting on their feedback. Sark Wire's most recent expansion is well under way. They are on their fourth group of individuals utilizing SCDA's apartment.

Product Development: We have received the first two invoices from Carter & Sloop for the work they have completed on the sewer expansion. They are still saying the sewer lines will be in place in 18 months.

President's Report:

Ivey reported on the upcoming Discovery Tour on March 19. Ivey has talked with Dr. Franklin and Pam Hill and may do an Externship in 2023 with just a few teachers. Jeremy Spradlin shared that any money left over from the Discovery Tour can be used for any workforce development initiative. Ivey shared that she has agreed to be a mentor for the school's reach mentorship program. This program targets middle school students at risk for not graduating high school. The school system will give these students a cash scholarship if they graduate high school.

Input From Others: Julie Paysen reported that she spoke to someone interested in purchasing the Quality Inn and reminded everyone of the Pre-Legislative Coffee on January 5. Christian Hamilton said the new County Commission board will be meeting on January 10 and will be appointing someone to fill Chuck Wright's seat on our board.

Executive Session: A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 7:56 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 8:15 a.m. [Turner:Addison]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:21 a.m. [Wright:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Submitted By:

Attested By:

Brian Akin, Chairman

Brittany W. Ivey, President