

Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022
31 West Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA

Attending: James Addison, Brian Akin, Savonda Turner, Chuck Wright, Janney Sanders, Julie Paysen, Phyllis Ayers, Brittany Ivey and Lois Hylton.

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

Mr. Sanders led us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Akin read the confidentiality & conflict of interest statement.

Akin asked for a motion to approve the agenda. [Wright:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion was made to approve the January 19 and February 1, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, [Addison:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

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

Board Action Items:

Chairman Akin asked President Ivey to share the changes to the GA Trend ad. At our November board meeting the board approved a half page ad for SCDA at a cost of \$5,293. The City, The Chamber and SCDA met last week and decided it would be more cost effective if we ran a full-page community ad. Julie Paysen called Georgia Trend & negotiated that price down from \$8,000 to \$7,800 to be divided equally between SCDA, The Chamber, The County and the City. Ivey informed Board Members that a new owner will close on our current office space on Friday. The new owner contacted Ivey to let her know someone would be coming in Tuesday to fix the front window and that they will be moving forward with other building improvements in the near future.

Program Updates/Reports:

Project Castle will visit our proposed site on Friday. Akin & Turner will be at the site visit and community presentation. According to the consultant they are looking at our site and one in Commerce. So far no incentives have been offered by Commerce. Project Castle will be sharing more information about the company during our lunch. They are looking at building three US plants; locations are Ohio, Indiana and Georgia. Georgia's will be their first.

Project Chapstick - Mr. Sanders is working with Dan McRae on an MOU for Project Chapstick for us to review next month. President Ivey suggested that SCDA collect an administrative fee, which is pretty standard industry wide.

Project QSR is working with City to obtain all their needed approvals to move forward. Ayers reported that the project will need the deceleration lane completed by June and they want to use their own contractor. This should be cheaper.

Project Centre is still researching their options. They have not heard from the landowner who has the small piece of land they would need for access. According to GDOT, the main parcel they are considering that fronts on Hwy 17 only has residential driveways. They would have to get a conditional variance for commercial entrances from GDOT. Our industry tours with NGTC went well. Commissioner Addison shared he was glad he was there to answer questions from two of the industries about zoning and regulations. We are hosting the T-SC leadership class tomorrow and have 6 industry tours planned for the group. We will divide in three groups of 10. Group 1 will go to Patterson Pump & MWL,LLC, Group 2 to Sark Wire & ASI's 900 Plant, and Group 3 will go to Nifco KTW & Sage Automotive. Ivey will be visiting Blue Ridge Products, PTL and Fieldale next week.

Input for Others:

Julie Paysen shared that the T-SC Leadership Class Banquet will be tomorrow evening. Their annual awards banquet will be held April 26 or April 28 (determined this week), their Golf Classic is scheduled for May 11 at 11:00am and they are selling tickets for The Mulligan premiere at the Ritz. A Toccoa native is driving the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile and will be in Toccoa Feb. 20-24. Phyllis Ayers shared the next public land use review will be February 25.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:24a.m., [Turner:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

Submitted By:

Attested By:

Brian Akin, Chairman

Brittany W. Ivey, President