

Board Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023
20 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA

Attending: Brian Akin, David Austin, Dennis Bell, Rick Phillips, Savonda Turner, Janney Sanders, Stacy Miller, Kevin McCraney, Dave Stancil, Julie Paysen, Brittany Ivey and Lois Hylton.

Chairman Brian Akin called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Phillips opened in prayer. Akin led the Pledge of Allegiance, and read the confidentiality & conflict of interest statement.

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

Motion was made to approve February 15, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. [Bell:Austin]. All in favor; none opposed.

Phillips presented February financials and asked if SCDA could move excess funds that are in account to a higher yielding account. Ivey will get CD rates from local banks prior to the next meeting. Motion was made to approve February financials as presented. [Turner:Bell]. All in favor; none opposed.

Board Action Items:

Akin recognized, and presented a plaque to Jeanette Jamieson for her leadership and service on the SCDA board in 2022. Ivey reported that the 2024 Budget request to the City & County will remain the same as FY 2023.

Program Updates/Reports:

Attraction: Project Castle will have meeting with President Ivey on March 16. Their air permit has been approved by the state and is waiting their signature. Ivey reported we are 1 of 3 communities still being considered by Project Sweet Tea.

Existing: Ivey reported on a successful industry day with the Toccoa-Stephens County Chamber of Commerce's 22-23 Leadership Class and visits to Osborne Wood Products, Luftex and Meadowbrook Machine & Tool.

Product Development: Ivey shared that Rick, Harry Scott & she met with Carter & Sloope and she shared their update on the sewer expansion at HBBP. They are on schedule to submit a request for bids in April.

President's Report:

Existing: Ivey shared that the Discovery Tour will be Friday, March 17 and 39 educators are registered.

Workforce Development: SCDA participated in the Reality Fair held at the high school.

Recruitment: Paysen & Ivey shared about their meeting with our representative from the Rural Prosperity & Innovation Center. He is helping us find funds available to potentially finish some our community's sewer infrastructure.

Input for Others: Christian Hamilton reported that the sensory playground at the Recreation Department is close to opening, but no date set. He also shared that the County is close to having their land use ordinance updates ready for the two required public hearings before any changes can be official adopted. Julie Paysen shared that the Post Legislative Coffee will be held April 20 at the Currahee Club.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 8:34 a.m. to enter Executive Session [Phillips:Turner] All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:42a.m., [Bell:Austin]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to offer Destany Stover a summer internship at SCDA at \$15/hour, [Turner:Bell]. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made to exit regular Session at 8:43 a.m., [Phillips:Turner]. All in favor, none opposed.

Submitted By:

Attested By:

Brian Akin, Chairman

Brittany W. Ivey, President