

Board Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2022  
20 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA

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

Chairman Brian Akin called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Janney Sanders prayed. Akin led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 April 20, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, [Addison:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

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

**Program Updates/Reports:**

Attraction: Project Inspiration Dropped. We still have 11 active projects and will be hosting Project Castle tomorrow.

Existing Industry: Ivey and Paysen toured Maple Ridge Cabinetry and Sage Automotive with Congressman Andrew Clyde. Ivey also visited Bottle Benders this month. They each shared that workforce is their biggest challenge. Sage had a 100% turnover in April. SCDA received the required investment and job goal sheets from our industries with active PILOT agreements. Both ASI & NifcoKTW have exceeded their required investment & job totals for this year.

Product Development: Almost completed preapplication for DCA Grant.

**President's Report:** Ivey encouraged everyone to go see the second bedroom and stairway in the apartment. Sark Wire will be beginning their lease on Monday. Ivey said she's been updating current employee counts with all industries. The current industry jobs available, including school system and hospital is 260 jobs. We have two more WBL Students of the Month to recognize. Facebook let us know that the last students we did, twins who work at Dairy Queen, generated more activity on our page than any other post in the past five years. Dr. Franklin wants to meet and talk about starting advanced manufacturing classes for freshman and sophomores with hopes that will lead them right into the program for juniors and seniors in advanced manufacturing at NGTC.

**Input from Others:** Paysen reported that today is their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic at the Currahee Club. Next Tuesday is the Chambers 75<sup>th</sup> Award Celebration and Pine Cove will open May 29<sup>th</sup> and the ribbon tying will be May 27. Phyllis Ayers reported that the Splash Pad will opening on May 24<sup>th</sup> for the County's PreK students and then May 25<sup>th</sup> the After School Splash and Ribbon Tying Event will occur.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 8:05 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 8:21 a.m. [Turner:Addison]. All in favor; none opposed.

**Board Action Items:**

A motion was made to authorize the Chairman to sign a Land Development & Incentive Agreement for Project QSR, [Addison:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:27 a.m. [Turner:Addison]. All in favor; none opposed.

Submitted By:

Attested By:

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Brian Akin, Chairman

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Brittany W. Ivey, President