

Board Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2022
20 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA

Attending: James Addison, Jeanette Jamieson, Savonda Turner, Chuck Wright, Janney Sanders, Tara Simmons, Julie Paysen, Brittany Ivey and Lois Hylton.

Vice-Chairman Jamieson called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Chuck Wright opened with prayer. Jamieson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jamieson asked for a motion to approve the agenda, [Turner:Addison]. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion was made to approve the May 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, [Wright: Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

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

Program Updates/Reports:

Attraction: Ivey reminded the board that projects in bold were still active. Project Centre is still trying to secure commercial partners to lease the proposed retail space. Project Drive was added this month and it is a trucking company looking for potential sites in Stephens County. They are focusing on two lots on Clary Connector. Project QSR is moving ahead of schedule and might be completed by the end of the year. Project Iron Cross is still looking at Lot 10.

Existing: Ivey reported that the BOC unanimously approved a variance for Sark Wire that will allow them to move forward with an expansion on the front of their building. This is a \$4M expansion that they plan to complete this year. The fire at American Ecycle on Turner Road has prompted the E 911 director to start collecting business information sheets on all business and industries in our industrial parks. Ivey said SCDA is helping obtain those.

Product Development: Ivey shared that the board of commissioners voted to allow SCDA to move forward with a DCA equity grant request for the sewer infrastructure to service Lots 24 & 25 in Hayestone Brady Business Park.

President's Report: Existing Industry: Ivey reported that Keith Canup, who is retiring soon, is working with GDOT to obtain permission to put out new directional signs for Meadowbrook Industrial Park. We are partnering with the Chamber to do a Lunch and Learn for existing industry that will focus on their workforce needs and how we can support them.

Workforce Development: Ivey shared that SCDA recognized 10 WBL students of the month this year. She shared that next year she would like us to select a student of the year and give them a scholarship from SCDA on Scholarship Night. Ivey said the high school had received great feedback from employers and students on their employability skills training sessions and it will be offered to all students at the high school next year. Ivey will be meeting with school officials and the Chamber to discuss other ways they can partner together to enhance workforce efforts in the community.

Input from Others: Paysen reported that 75th Chamber anniversary celebration at the Currahee Club was a great success. Currahee Military Weekend will be the first Saturday in October and will kick off with the annual chicken-q on Friday, September 30th. Janney mentioned that on August 25th at 5 p.m. the law firm of Sanders, Ranck & Skilling will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with a celebration at the Starr Theatre. Everyone is invited to attend.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 7:55 a.m. to discuss the future acquisition, sale or lease of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4), [Addison:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn Executive Session at 8:25 a.m. [Addison:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:25 a.m. [Turner:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

Submitted By:

Attested By:

Brian Akin, Chairman

Brittany W. Ivey, President