

Board Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2022
Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA

Attending: James Addison, Brian Akin, Jeanette Jamieson, Savonda Turner, Chuck Wright, Phyllis Ayers, Jeremy Spradlin, Janney Sanders, Brittany Ivey and Lois Hylton.

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

Wright opened with prayer. Akin led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the confidentiality & conflict of interest statement.

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

Motion was made to approve the June 15, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, [Jamieson: Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

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

Board Action Items:

A motion was made to authorize the Chairman to sign a Borrow Site Agreement with C.W. Matthews Contracting contingent on the addition of the Parcel # and amount of acreage (7) being utilized added to the property description and the addition of language to Article 2.01 on the third line after “any negligence...” and before ‘...in the performance of Contractor’s work’, The language added should say ‘or failure to comply with any law, regulation or legal directive’, [Addison:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as presented. Changes in employee compensation were included in the budget and are reflected in each employee’s personnel files that are maintained by the Authority. [Addison:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Board consensus was the next Board Meeting for SCDA will be on August 24 due to a scheduling conflict.

Program Updates/Reports:

Attraction: Project Centre has dropped; however, Ivey spoke with the realtor who has the 80-acre property listed and they are now working with another developer to get that piece of property under contract for a multiuse site. Project Chapstick has sent all expenses they have incurred to date and the bond counsel is working on the final MOU draft. Project Iron Cross has expanded their search to also include North Carolina, but our HBBP site is still has not been eliminated.

Existing Industry: SCDA has collected all but 10 E-911 information forms from our existing industries.

Product Development: Ivey submitted an application for a DCA Equity Fund Grant to complete the sewer infrastructure at HBBP. Rusty Haygood with DCA is coming to do a site visit next week to see where sewer infrastructure will go and get a better idea of what it would entail if they agreed to award the \$200,000.00 grant. Ivey shared the City has applied for a natural gas grant and SCDA is helping Billy get letters of support.

President’s Report

Existing Industry: Ivey reported that Jason Holland has been assigned the lead for the Meadowbrook Industrial Park Signs dealing with the GDOT. SCDA & the Chamber are hosting their first Lunch and Learn post COVID. Based on survey input from 25 industries the meeting will focus on workforce needs & how we are addressing them.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 8:03 a.m. to discuss the future acquisition, sale or lease of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4), and discussion of compensation or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (6). [Jamieson:Addison]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn Executive Session at 8:33 a.m. [Addison:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to authorize the Chairman to sign the finalized MOU once the legal counsel and President/CEO reviewed the final draft for Project Chapstick, [Jamieson:Addison]. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:38 a.m. [Wright:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Submitted By:

Attested By:

Brian Akin, Chairman

Brittany W. Ivey, President