

Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2022
20 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA

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

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

Sanders 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, [Wright:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion was made to approve the July 20, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and the July 26, 2022 Called Meeting Minutes [Addison:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

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

Board Action Items:

Ivey reported that our landscaping provider for Hayestone Brady Business Park reported that we had an invasion of ants in our landscaping and that he thought he could fix an ongoing erosion issue at the old entrance of Arrowhead Drive. Ivey has requested quotes for the work. A motion was made authorize spending up to \$800 for ant treatment and \$2,000.00 for erosion problem. [Addison:Wright]. All in favor; none opposed.

Program Updates/Reports:

Attraction: Project Chapstick has sent a revised MOU but we are still waiting on the revised investment totals to finalize and sign the agreement. Project Iron Cross is still considering Lot 10 in HBBP. Project Next is trying to secure 6-8 acres on Big A. Paysen reported this is a retail project. Project Real visited the site in HBBP they are considering while in town. Existing Industry: Pharmatech is looking for an additional 45k sf of warehouse space in Toccoa or Lavonia. Superior Distribution has their sign up at the old Eaton building and are preparing to begin operations there. Several individuals and local industries responded to Trachte's call to help with supplies for those in Kentucky impacted by flooding. Project Development: DCA's OneGeorgia Equity Board plans to meet on September 8. We hope to hear something about our grant application after that. If we don't receive DCA grant funding, we have been working with Senator Osoff and Warnock's offices and will apply for the grants they have available for sewer infrastructure.

President's Report:

Existing: Ivey reported that our first Lunch & Learn went well and that 10 industries were represented. We will be recognizing our first WBL Student of the Month for August in September.

Workforce Development: SCDA shared with the school system that we budgeted for a scholarship to go to a Senior that is recognized as the WBL student of the year. We are also working with the BOE to coordinate a round of Discovery Tours.

Recruitment: Chuck Wright, and Commissioner Elect Chris Rickman attended the Good News Gathering for NEGA with President Ivey. Ivey used her time at the gathering to share with the group about existing industry expansions, the State announcement of SungEel, our community's workforce development initiatives and housing developments underway.

Input from Others: Paysen shared information on the upcoming Military Weekend starting on Friday, September 30.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 8:15 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:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

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

A Motion was made to authorize Chairman Akin to sign Project Castle's State MOU once it is finalized, [Addison:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:32 a.m. [Wright:Addison]. All in favor; none opposed.

Submitted By:

Attested By:

Brian Akin, Chairman

Brittany W. Ivey, President