

Board Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2022  
20 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA

Attending: Brian Akin, James Addison, Jeanette Jamieson, Savonda Turner, Chuck Wright, Julie Paysen, 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, [Jamieson:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion was made to approve the August 24, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, [Turner:Addison]. All in favor; none opposed.

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

**Program Updates/Reports:**

Attraction: Ivey reported that we have received Project Chapstick's MOU and we are waiting on the developer's feedback. SCDA is working with the Chamber to help Project Next find a 6 to 10 acre lot on Big A. Project Power will be in town next month at the hearings for their conditional use permits. They have their site on Clary Connector under contract. They are looking to invest over \$1M and to create 5-10 jobs. We answered all of Project Speck's questions but have not heard back. Project Welcome is a new retail project that has met with the City, Chamber & SCDA. Project Castle met with the Toccoa Record, Fire & EMA personnel while they were in town last week.

Existing: Ivey, Paysen, Addison & Wright shared that the meeting with Chairman Cayci & Sark Leadership went well. Sark is starting another expansion already. They are still using SCDA's apartment as they look for housing for their employees. They are expecting 8-10 additional employees coming in from Turkey and New York that will need housing. SMR is leasing a rail spur from Hartwell Railroad and are no longer considering adding a rail spur. PILOT agreements were sent.

Product Development: Ivey reported that we did receive a \$200k One Georgia Equity fund grant from DCA to add needed sewer infrastructure at HBBP. We hope to have the project completed in 18 months from start to finish.

**Presidents Report:**

Existing Industry: Ivey shared that we are working with Senator Clyde's office to get a date on the calendar for our next Industry lunch and learn. We will cover topics relating to work visas, DOL and plans for addressing workforce needs.

Workforce Development: Ivey reported that our first WBL student of the month was recognized. Ivey shared that Jeremy Spradlin has secured a GPC grant for us to host another round of Discovery Tours for our school leadership & teachers.

**Input From Others:**

Julie reported that Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> begins the Currahee Military Weekend consisting of the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Chicken-Q and the Currahee Challenge. She shared that Christmas Parade applications are ready and they are making plans for that.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 8:06 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 8:39 a.m. [Addison:Turner]. All in favor; none opposed.

**Board Action Items:**

A motion was made to authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU with SungEel once we receive the final copy from the bond counsel and our legal counsel reviews it [Addison:Turner]. All in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:39 a.m. [Addison:Jamieson]. All in favor; none opposed.

Submitted By:

Attested By:

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Brian Akin, Chairman

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Brittany W. Ivey, President