



DACC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 26, 2014

Center for Trade & Tourism
1000 Business Boulevard
Evans, GA 30809

Board Attendees (those absent indicated with an asterisk (*)) :

Doug Duncan, Chairman	Stan Shepherd	Hugh Hollar
Mark Wills, Vice-Chairman	Jean Garniewicz	Mike Holliman
Rick Evans, Secretary-Treasurer	Phil Gaffney	

Staff (those absent indicated with an asterisk (*)) :

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director
Karen Eyink, Executive Assistant*
Douglas D. Batchelor, Legal Counsel*
Chris Driver, Legal Counsel

Guests Present:

Thom Tuckey, *CSRA Alliance Ft. Gordon*
Nayna Mistry, *Planning Department*

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chairman Doug Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and declared a quorum present.

II. Reading and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Duncan asked the Board to review and approve the agenda for the February 26, 2014 DACC board meeting. Motion made by Mark Wills to approve the agenda. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Duncan asked the Board to review and approve the minutes for the January 22, 2014 DACC Board Meeting and the Called Meeting on January 28, 2014. Motion made by Mark Wills to approve the minutes. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Financials – Rick Evans

From the Statement of Net Assets – January 31, 2014, Total Assets are \$677,550.37 includes Investment in the Horizon South Industrial Bldg. (Spec Bldg.) of \$269,166.72. Total cash in Checking/Savings is \$403,964.48, Account Receivables \$4,419.17 and Total Liabilities of \$847.55.

In the Statement of Activities by Class – One Month Ended – January 31, 2014, total income of \$33,866.92, total expense \$22,300.25 and interest revenue \$160.35 for an income of \$11,727.02.

Stan Shepherd made a motion to approve January 31, 2014 financials. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Chairman's Report – Doug Duncan

Chairman Duncan acknowledged Mark Wills for his service as Chairman and presented him with a plaque/clock. Chairman Duncan reviewed changes for the various committees – Mark Wills will chair the Property Development Committee and Stan Shepherd will serve on the committee as well. Mike Holliman will co-chair the Existing Business Development & Workforce Development Committee with Phil Gaffney. In addition, Chairman Duncan asked Robbie to look at the State of Georgia's best practice by-laws and report his findings at the March board meeting.

VI. Committee Reports – Doug Duncan

Rick Evans, Chair of the Retail Development Sub-Committee reported the committee met on February 19. The committee is working on selecting another community like Columbia County to have as a guest speaker for the March 19 committee meeting. Also, the retail committee would like to have different presentations from local developers to come and speak as well.

Mark Wills, Chair of the Property Development Committee reported the sign at the entrance of Augusta Technical College – Grovetown Campus is forthcoming; trees are being removed along the road in order to erect the sign. Robbie mentioned the closing of the Spec Building is in the process, he will contact the board when a closing date has been set. The DACC is looking at property opportunities for industrial and a business park in the county.

Phil Gaffney, Chair of the Existing Business Development and Workforce Development Committee met on Wednesday, February 5. The meeting consisted of discussions on the existing industry survey and reviewing information received from those surveys. In addition, Phil welcomed Mike Holliman as co-chair of the committee.

Stan Shepherd, Chair of the Business Recruitment and Incentives Program Committee mentioned that the committee has been working with Marketing Alliance on a new logo design for the DACC's website; thirty logos were created and submitted to the committee for review. Chair Shepherd mentioned that the board would receive copies of the logos and asked for their input for their top 3 to 5 favorite logos, however, he asked the board to give the committee the ability to choose the number one logo due to a timing standpoint. Mike Holliman made a motion to give the Business Recruitment and Incentives Program Committee the authority to choose the new DACC logo. Rick Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. Economic Development – Robbie Bennett

1. Robbie mentioned the announcement of Gander Mountain coming to Columbia County and thanked the board for their attendance during the announcement. The ground breaking ceremony is tentatively scheduled for March 5.

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2. DACC was a sponsor of the TEDx Telfair Street event on January 31. There were four live streaming locations, one being held at the Jabez Sanford Hardin Performing Arts Center in Evans, the event went very well.
3. On March 20, the Georgia Department of Economic Development will bring thirty International Delegation from Consulates' from around the world. The consulates will tour our region, have lunch in Augusta and then go on a boat tour of the Augusta Canal; the DACC will sponsor and participate in this event.
4. Robbie mentioned the next Development Authority training class for board members is scheduled on March 28 in Thompson. The CSRA UDC (Unified Development Authority) has partnered with Dan McRae of Seyfarth Shaw LLP and has held development authority training classes across the state.
5. Robbie mentioned he is working on several projects and will travel throughout the year to various conferences. On March 3, Robbie will attend the Cyber Symposium in Washington, DC, a recommendation from Thom Tuckey of CSRA Alliance of Fort Gordon. Other shows include the Data Center World in Las Vegas, NV, Meet the Consultants in Dallas, TX and BIO International Convention in San Diego, CA, as well as others.
6. The DACC and CVB have secured a corporate house for Masters and invitations have been sent.

VIII. Old Business – Doug Duncan

None at this time.

IX. New Business – Doug Duncan

Chairman Duncan mentioned a conversation with Robbie Bennett in reimbursing Karen Eyink a DACC employee with a \$40 monthly phone allowance; she uses her personal phone for DACC business. Mark Wills made a motion to compensate the \$40 phone allowance. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

X. Calendar of Events – Doug Duncan

The next regular Development Authority board meeting will be held on March 26, 2014 – 7:30 a.m. at the DACC's office – Center for Trade & Tourism, 1000 Business Blvd., Evans, GA 30809.

XI. Public Comment

Thom Tuckey of CSRA Alliance of Fort Gordon gave an update on the growth plan for Fort Gordon.

Nayna Mistry, Planning Manager of Columbia County Planning Department mentioned her department is working on a growth management plan for the county; the last plan was in 2005. The county's obligation is to complete a full growth management plan every ten years. The Planning Department is putting together a steering committee.

XII. Closed Session – Doug Duncan

No closed session.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director
Development Authority of Columbia County