



DACC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 26, 2013

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

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

Mark Wills, Chairman	Stan Shepherd	Hugh Hollar*
Doug Duncan, Vice-Chairman	Jean Garniewicz	
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

Guests Present:

Ron Cross, <i>Commissioner</i>	Tammy Shepherd, <i>CC Chamber</i>
Bill Morris, <i>Commissioner</i>	Thom Tuckey, <i>CSRA Alliance Ft. Gordon</i>

I. Call to Order & Welcome

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

II. Reading and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Wills asked the Board to review and approve the agenda for the June 26, 2013 DACC board meeting. Motion made by Doug Duncan to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Jean Garniewicz. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Wills asked the Board to review and approve the minutes for the May 29, 2013 DACC board meeting. Motion made by Doug Duncan to approve the minutes. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Financials – Rick Evans

From the Statement of Net Assets – May 31, 2013, Total Assets are \$653,759.57 includes Investment in the Horizon South Industrial Bldg. (Spec Bldg.) of \$285,833.36. Total cash in Checking/Savings - \$364,507.04, Account Receivables - \$3,419.17 and Total Liabilities - \$343.49. Statement of Activities by Class - Eleven Months Ended – May 31, 2013, \$253,442.33 in total income, \$238,110.32 in total expense and net income of \$15,332.01.

Doug Duncan made a motion to approve the May 31, 2013 financials. Stan Shepherd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Chairman's Report – Mark Wills

Chairman Wills mentioned various events that took place at the DACC office recently. The Chamber hosted two events, speaker Dr. Ricardo Azziz, President of Georgia Regents University (GRU) spoke on economic development for the university. Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver spoke about developing the Mill Campus to support GRU. Chairman Wills thanked Tammy Shepherd, Executive Director of the Chamber for her coordination of both events.

Chairman Wills mentioned the DACC would be working on a Letter of Support for the Board of Regents vision for GRU based on board approval. Stan Shepherd made a motion to give Chairman Mark Wills the authority to review the Letter of Support and send to the Board of Regents. Motion seconded by Rick Evans. Motion carried.

Chairman Wills reported Warren Baptist Church will lease and possibly purchase the Owens-Minor building in the Horizon South Industrial Parkway. This particular parcel was rezoned and Doug Batchelor drafted an amendment to the covenants.

In addition, Chairman Wills shared an article regarding CC as 45th fastest growing county in the USA.

VI. Committee Reports – Mark Wills

Rick Evans, Chair of the Retail Development Sub-Committee reported the committee met on June 19. During the committee meeting, guest Frank Neal, City Planner/Redevelopment Manager of Grovetown gave a slide presentation on Grovetown's Urban Redevelopment Plan.

Stan Shepherd, Chairman of the Business Recruitment and Incentive Program Committee mentioned the committee will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am. The committee is working on adding additional committee members.

Phil Gaffney, Chairman of the Existing Business Development and Workforce Development committee met on June 25, all committee members were present. The committee received a strong vision and input from Executive Director, Robbie Bennett. Three primary action items for the next two months; the committee will work closely with Robbie and Adela Kelley, from Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) to create a survey for key county businesses and complete by August 1. Secondly, the committee will determine a date, format, attendees and location for an existing business recognition luncheon. Thirdly, the committee will hold a quarterly existing business leadership council meeting starting in October.

Doug Duncan, Chairman of Property Development Committee reported the committee will work on the prospect of a sign at the Augusta Technical College's Grovetown Campus.

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VII. Economic Development – Robbie Bennett

Robbie Bennett gave an update on the Military Zone applications that have been submitted to Georgia Department of Community Affairs and are reviewing the requests for Grovetown and Harlem's census tract for official designation as Military Zones.

The DACC is working on a variety of new projects for the county; manufacturers that need small space, existing retail projects that would like additional support and growth in existing industries. Recently the DACC has received three to four new projects.

Robbie spoke to Ty Taylor, President of Greenfield Industries and reported that the company is officially moving but no date has been set. The company is looking at marketing the building and looking at another use of the facility.

VIII. Old Business – Mark Wills

None at this time.

IX. New Business – Mark Wills

The Development Authority is working on an opportunity for supplemental income by issuing revenue bonds; this would give the DACC additional funds which would benefit the community. Robbie gave a PowerPoint presentation to the board explaining the structure of the annual issuer fee schedule and additional information. Stan Shepherd made a motion recommending the fee structure for revenue bonds that Robbie Bennett set for future projects. Rick Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

X. Calendar of Events – Mark Wills

The next Development Authority board meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2013 – 7:30 a.m. at the DACC's office – Center for Trade & Tourism, 1000 Business Blvd., Evans, GA 30809

XI. Public Comment

Commissioner Ron Cross mentioned GA Department of Transportation (GDOT) signed a contract on the extension of William Few Parkway over to Hardy McManus Road. In addition, a contract has been signed for intersection improvements on Lewiston Road, and widening of Columbia Road. Commission Cross mentioned the vacant board member seat for the DACC.

Commission Bill Morris, mentioned the Columbia County Exhibition Center's grand opening is scheduled for August 15. The facility will be completed by October 1 with a full working kitchen.

Tammy Shepherd, Director of the CC Chamber of Commerce mentioned a ribbon cutting ceremony for Carolina Pottery store in Martinez at the West Town Shopping Center is scheduled for today, June 26. Additional events scheduled are, the State of Community Address at Liberty Square in Grovetown on September 26 and on November 5, the Pre-Legislative Breakfast with Speaker of the House, David Ralston as the keynote speaker. The Chamber will be announcing the new CC Leadership Class soon.

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Thom Tuckey, CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon said the Fort is restructuring and will gain 250 personnel by 2019, this is related to cyber mission. A name for Ft. Gordon will be changed from the Signal Center of Excellence to the US Army Cyber Center of Excellence.

XII. Closed Session – Mark Wills

No closed session was noted.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Wills adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director
Development Authority of Columbia County