



## **DACC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – July 23, 2014**

City of Grovetown – City Hall  
103 Old Wrightsboro Road  
Grovetown, GA 30813

### **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	Eric McIntyre

### **Staff (those absent indicated with an asterisk \*)**

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director  
Karen Eyink, Executive Assistant  
Douglas D. Batchelor, Legal Counsel\*  
Mike Fowler sitting in for Chris Driver, Legal Counsel

### **Guests Present:**

George James, <i>Mayor of Grovetown</i>	Michael Rorick, <i>Citizen</i>
Thom Tuckey, <i>CSRA Alliance Ft. Gordon</i>	Reginald Foster, <i>Citizen</i>
Randy DuTeau, <i>CCCVB</i>	

#### **I. Call to Order & Welcome**

Rick Evans called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and declared a quorum present.

#### **II. Reading and Approval of Agenda**

Rick Evans asked the Board to review and approve the agenda for the July 23, 2014 DACC board meeting. Motion made by Stan Shepherd to approve the agenda. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Rick Evans asked the Board to review and approve the June 18, 2014 minutes. Motion made by Jean Garniewicz to approve the minutes. Hugh Hollar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **IV. Financials – Rick Evans**

From the Statement of Net Assets – June 30, 2014, 12-Months Ending, Total Assets is \$643,516.86 (total cash in checking/savings), Account Receivables \$0 and Total Liabilities of \$4,495.47, for Total Net Assets of \$639,021.39.

PG 3 & 4 – Statement of Activities by Class – One Month Ended June 30, 2014, \$4,500 in Grant Writing and \$2,181.59 in Prospecting.

Hugh Hollar made a motion to approve the June 30, 2014 financials. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**V. Chairman's Report – Rick Evans**

No report.

**VI. Committee Reports – Rick Evans**

***Retail Development Sub-Committee***

Rick Evans, Chair of the Retail Development Sub-Committee mentioned the committee met on Friday, July 18. The scheduled guest speaker Misti Martin, President and CEO of Cherokee Office of Economic Development was unable to speak to the committee due to unforeseen circumstances; she will speak at a later time.

***Property Development Committee***

Stan Shepherd, Property Development Committee Member mentioned the committee discussed inventory for industrial recruitment. Robbie mentioned the focus for the property committee going forward is product development and to utilize SRS CRO funds.

***Existing Business & Workforce Development Committee***

No report.

***Business Recruitment & Incentive Programs Committee***

No report.

**VII. Economic Development – Robbie Bennett**

Attended 2014 BIO International Convention in San Diego, CA on June 23-26, partnering with Chris McKinney, Associate Vice-President of Georgia Regents University and staff. This was a good show and opportunity to see BIO technology communities and companies.

Took part in the Savannah Port Tour through the Augusta Regional Development Council in June. DACC is working on regional events through the UDC and quarterly events with state project managers as a region such as networking hours after work, dinners and annual luncheons.

The next Columbia County Existing Industry Council meeting will be held on August 12 at Augusta Technical College – Columbia County Campus in Grovetown. Guest speakers will be Dr. Lisa Palmer, VP of Economic Development at Augusta Technical College, speaking about various training programs and initiatives. Julie Kenny, CTAE Coordinator of Columbia County Board of Education, will speak about career pathways.

Robbie will participate in the CSX Tour in Atlanta on August 14 with Adela Kelley, Senior Project Manager of GDEcD, and will discuss opportunities for economic development.

Additional items mentioned:

- A strong need for product development and office space.
- An RFP was sent out for workforce analysis from SRS CRO, they are funding the initiative; this is a regional workforce analysis. The analysis will look at sectors of manufacturing, healthcare, nuclear and technology.

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- U.S. Secretary of Energy, Ernest Moniz will be visiting the Savannah River Site on July 28; speaking on what is taking place at the Savannah River Site.
- A lot of activity in retail going on; Mill Branch across from the Gateway, the Gateway sites along with Gander Mountain and potential Mullins Crossing.

**VIII. Old Business – Mark Wills**

None to report.

**IX. New Business – Mark Wills**

The DACC has been asked by Rick McLeod, Executive Director of SRS CRO (Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization), to sponsor a congressional delegate event on August 13 along with Richmond County - Augusta Economic Development. A reception is planned for congressional delegates and staffers.

Stan Shepherd made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for the sponsorship congressional visit. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**X. Calendar of Events – Mark Wills**

The next Development Authority board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 – 7:30 a.m. at the DACC office – Center for Trade & Tourism, 1000 Business Boulevard, Evans, GA 30809.

**XI. Public Comment**

Mayor George James thanked the board for coming to Grovetown for the board meeting. Mayor James spoke about TSPLOST, Horizon Senior Village a 120-apartment facility and preparing for growth in Grovetown.

Thom Tuckey of CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon mentioned AUSA (Association of United States Army) will host a breakfast on August 19 at Fort Gordon; speaker will be Assistant Secretary of Army, Katherine Hammack.

Reginald Foster, citizen of Columbia County attended the meeting. Vice-Chairman Wills thanked him for attending.

Randy DuTeau, Executive Director of Columbia County Visitors Bureau spoke about the upcoming Wildwood Games event being held at Wildwood Park at Clarks Hill Lake on August 23 & 24.

Michael Rorick, citizen of Columbia County mentioned the Savannah Port.

Vice-Chairman Wills welcomed and introduced new board member Eric McIntyre and asked him to say a few words about himself. Eric mentioned he has worked 16 years for Georgia Power Company and now is the Area Manager; he recently moved from Atlanta to Columbia County.

**XII. Closed Session – Mark Wills**

No closed session.

### **XIII. Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Wills adjourned the board meeting.

Submitted by:

Robbie Bennett, Executive Director  
Development Authority of Columbia County