



## **DACC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 28, 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:**

Thom Tuckey, <i>CSRA Alliance Ft. Gordon</i>	Steve White, <i>Warren Baptist Church</i>
Tammy Shepherd, <i>CC Chamber</i>	Danny Hobbs, <i>Warren Baptist Church</i>
Mark Ivey, <i>Ivey Residential &amp; WPC</i>	Michael Rorick, <i>Citizen</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 August 28, 2013 DACC board meeting. Motion made by Phil Gaffney to approve the agenda. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Wills asked the Board to review and approve the minutes for the July 24, 2013 DACC board meeting. Motion made by Phil Gaffney to approve the minutes. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **IV. Financials – Robbie Bennett**

DACC Executive Director, Robbie Bennett reviewed the July 31, 2013 financials with the board in the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Rick Evans. The June 30, 2013 financials are revised due to outstanding receivables and payables which the DACC received after the 2013 fiscal year. Stan Shepherd made a motion to approve the revised June 30, 2013 financials. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

From the Statement of Net Assets – July 31, 2013, Total Assets are \$668,496.01 includes Investment in the Horizon South Industrial Bldg. (Spec Bldg.) of \$281,666.70. Total cash in Checking/Savings - \$379,992.56, Account Receivables - \$4,973.34 and Total Liabilities - \$1,073.14. Statement of Activities by Class – One Month Ended - July 31, 2013, \$21,213.79 in total income, \$14,456.42 in total expense and net income of \$6,757.37.

Recently the DACC staff met with Rick Evans and Ansley Evans from Serotta Maddock & Evans & Co and discussed new budget items for 2014 fiscal year. New categories will be added - Copies, Technology & Software, Appreciation Luncheon and Insurance – Furniture & Fixtures. In addition, there are a few changes in the budget from last year. Some items had substantial changes in value – legal fees, rent, maintenance & repairs; the funds have been re-allocated for recruitment and business development.

Doug Duncan made a motion to approve the July 31, 2013, financials based on answering Chairman Wills question next month pertaining to monthly funds received from the Spec Building. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**V. Chairman's Report – Mark Wills**

Chairman Wills introduced guests from Warren Baptist Church who will occupy the Owens-Minor facility in Grovetown.

**VI. Committee Reports – Mark Wills**

Phil Gaffney, Chair of the Existing Business Development and Workforce Development Committee reported the committee met on Monday, August 26. Chair Gaffney asked Jean Garniewicz committee member to give an update. Jean reported that Robbie is working on an existing industry survey and securing a date in October for the existing business luncheon.

Doug Duncan, Chair of the Property Development Committee mentioned a new sign will be located at the entrance of the Augusta Technical College – Grovetown Campus soon. Robbie spoke to Terry Elam, President of Augusta Tech concerning a sign at the campus. There are items that are being worked out - the signs location is in the DOT right-of-way and approvals needs to be received; the sign will be forthcoming.

Stan Shepherd, Chair of the Business Recruitment and Incentive Program Committee reported the committee met on August 14 and discussed the Development Authority's website. The committee is looking at the landing page that is shared with CVB and suggests for the DACC's logo, using words only and keep the same colors used in the County's logo.

Chair Shepherd asked Robbie to share information on a new technology event named TEDx. Robbie described that TEDx is an Internet conference series with various speakers who speak on any topic via video. Speakers from all over the country will speak on topics such as Technology, Business and Health Care for about 10 – 15 minutes and showcase their story. Every speaker will be videotaped and uploaded to Ted Talks website. Cities such as Atlanta, Savannah and Columbia, SC hold these TEDx events. The City of Augusta is planning such an event – TEDx Telfair Street. Robbie suggested holding the all day event at the Columbia County Library - Jabez Sanford Hardin Performing Arts Center, stream it live and open it up to the general public. The cost of sponsorship is \$1,000.

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Doug Duncan made a motion to approve \$1000 for the TEDx sponsorship. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**VII. Economic Development – Robbie Bennett**

Robbie Bennett mentioned with all the accolades recently, Columbia County is getting a lot of attention nationally, state and regionally. Robbie attended the 2013 ICSC Florida Conference in Orlando on August 18 - 20 with McKnight Properties, meeting with potential tenants to locate where Bass Pro Shop is going. Recently four board members toured Urban Outfitters, the tour went very well.

**VIII. Old Business – Mark Wills**

Warren Baptist Church gave an update on leasing the Owens-Minor Bldg. located in the Horizon South Industrial Park in Grovetown. With all the growth taking place in Grovetown, the church would like to have a satellite church in the area. The church needed approval from all the tenants within the industrial park and today needs the Development Authority's board approval. Doug Duncan made a motion to amend the covenants allowing Warren Baptist Church to locate in the Owens-Minor Bldg. Hugh Hollar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**IX. New Business – Mark Wills**

None at this time.

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

The next Development Authority board meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2013 – 7:30 a.m. at the DACC's office – Center for Trade & Tourism, 1000 Business Blvd., Evans, GA 30809

**XI. Public Comment**

Tammy Shepherd, Executive Director of CC Chamber of Commerce gave an update on upcoming events for the Chamber – launching the “Buy Local Campaign”, encouraging businesses to buy local, State of the Community Address on September 26 at Liberty Park Gym in Grovetown and Chamber After Hours on September 9 at First Command. In the field of technology, the Chamber is signing with a company to develop a Chamber app.

Thom Tuckey, CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon mentioned that the Alliance and Regional Commission hosted an initial growth-planning meeting to inform those affected by the projected growth at Fort Gordon with traffic obstacles. Many organizations such as the Development Authority, Planning & Zoning, Traffic Engineering, Builders Associations, School Boards, Realtors, etc. attended the meeting.

**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