

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
26-Jun-19			7:33 a.m.		DACC Conference Room A	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Mark Wills					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Mark Wills					
Note taker	Taylor Edwards					
Adjourned	8:52 a.m.					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Phil Gaffney	Y
	Hugh Hollar	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Ron Thigpen	N	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	N
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards, Chris Driver, Dr. Tom Clark, Commissioner Gary Richardson					
Meeting Agenda						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Mark Wills					
Discussion	Mark Wills called the meeting to order and asked for review of the agenda and minutes. Robbie Bennett proposed changes to the agenda to accommodate new activity. The agenda for June 26, 2019 was approved with some modifications.					
Conclusions	Jean Garniewicz made a motion to accept June 26, 2019 agenda with the following changes: change "Old Business" to include "Signage at White Oak" and to change "New Business" to include "Amending IGA" and "Project Anderson" to the agenda while also jointly accepting the May 29, 2019 minutes. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
Change to Agenda			N/A		N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Mark Wills					
Discussion	Minutes of May 29, 2019 meeting approved.					
Conclusions	The motion to approve May 2019's minutes was joined with the previous motion to also approve the June 26, 2019 agenda. Please see previous section.					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	
DACC Financial Report						
3 minute(s)	Treasurer, Rick Evans					
Discussion	May 2019 financials were reviewed by Rick Evans showing that DACC is on schedule with budget with some cushion in a few classifications. Statement of Net Assets for April 30, 2019 shows total liabilities and net assets at \$6,756,701.60. Robbie Bennett added that a budget request to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was approved.					
Conclusions	Phil Gaffney made a motion to accept May 2019 financials as presented. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	

Chairman's Report			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion	None		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion	None		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
7 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett and Taylor Edwards		
Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Seus Canada with GDEcD was a good conference. There were a lot of cyber-focused conversations. AU Cyber Mission took place at venture capitalist campus. There were a lot of conversations about building ecosystems to support technology growth and retaining start-ups in the area. Select USA with GDEcD was also very good. There were several conversations with companies/projects. * White Oak Business Park is getting a lot of attention. The road work is nearing completion. The remaining work is related to the home owner driveways across from the entrance. * Timber harvesting on the North side of White Oak has begun. <p>Taylor Edwards shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *HR Group- meeting on July 10, 2019. Melissa Furman will be the guest speaker presenting on the topic of recruiting and retaining workforce. * Working on printed materials and content generation for our marketing efforts. * Industry Appreciation Night with the Augusta GreenJackets will be 06/26/2019. This is a regional event with Richmond, Aiken, and Burke Counties. We distributed 100 tickets to manufacturing, distribution, and technology companies. 		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	

Old Business		
20 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	DACC previously requested bids for signage at White Oak Business Park. After only receiving 1 steep submission, activity related to signage temporarily stalled. DACC later learned of Columbia County-based Finuf Signs and reached out for a quote. Finuf submitted a proposal that was to not exceed 200K for signage (a median and corner sign) and 35K for landscaping. This bid was more competitive and had much more room for negotiation. DACC staff met with Finuf signs last week to discuss ways to further reduce costs and materials needed. DACC is waiting on an updated proposal and sketch with new specifications. DACC Board of Directors discussed the minor changes to design, electric needs, landscaping, future covenants, sustainability, and future fee schedule. There was further discussion on sharing new drawings via e-mail and allowing final approval to happen at Property Committee on July 12, 2019. Robbie Bennett recommended that funds come from Development Money Market- Development Class.	
Conclusions	Hugh Hollar made a motion to move forward with Finuf Signs and to not exceed \$235,000 for costs related to sign and landscaping with final approval to go to Property Committee. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion passed. (7-0)	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Final approval for White Oak Signage	Property Committee	N/A
New Business		
33 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	There were two items for New Business. 1) There is a need to enter an amended IGA between DACC and CCBOC regarding land on Industrial Park Drive that was swapped with Storm Water with the intent of being sold to a project. The project located elsewhere within the county and no longer has a need. Scott Johnson requested that the IGA be amended to reflect the transactional history and the new intent of the land, which is to be sold for purposes related to trade and industry. Legal Counsel recommended this be done to increase clarity in the parcel's history. 2) Project Anderson is a proposed development on the 26 AC tract on John Deere Parkway to help meet warehousing needs in the region. The project originally wanted right-of-way to allow for a larger building but it was not considered excess right-of-way. They have since modified plans to reflect those changes but there are still several variances that need to go before the Board of Directors: 1) truck doors facing roadway and 2) the 70-ft setback requirements. Ultimately, it will be a tilt concrete facility that is very well landscaped. Our variances will not supersede the county's variances but we will support the project as it moves through the county offices. There was discussion about roadwork along John Deere Parkway that is intended to mitigate a stacking issue, issues surrounding antiquated covenants and a non-functioning HOA for Horizon South Industrial Park, and the submitted site plan for Project Anderson. Legal counsel advised that there were no necessary amendments to covenants to be made, just variances to be granted.	
Conclusions	Jean Garniewicz made a motion to give Executive Committee the ability to approve and/or change the IGA for Industrial Boulevard. Second: Rick Evans. Motion passed. (7-0) There was a second motion to amend the previous motion to allow the Executive Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors to approve and/or change the new IGA. Second: Hugh Hollar. Motion passed. (7-0) A third motion was made by Phil Gaffney for the DACC Board of Directors to endorse Project Anderson's development plan as outlined by the Executive Director. Second: Stan Shepherd. Motion passed. (7-0)	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Calendar of Events		
0 minute(s)		
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Closed Session		
0 minute(s)		
Discussion		
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A

Public Comments		
10 minute(s)	Commissioner Gary Richardson, Stan Shepherd, Jean Garniewicz, and Phil Gaffney	
Discussion	<p>Tammy Shepherd shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Budget was approved last Tuesday * Gateway BLVD was moved to the consent agenda and is anticipated to move quickly with a likely completion at the end of the year. * CCBOC did a group tour of the Performing Arts Center, which is progressing nicely. They anticipate completion to be by next summer. * Columbia County Chamber is focused on finishing it's accreditation submission by August 31st. <p>Stan Shepherd shared on Dr. Tom Clark's behalf:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * There is a tremendous amount of activity moving at Fort Gordon. * Cyber Warfare Support Battalion was activated recently (now 50 people but will grow to 650). * A team from Warner Robins will be visiting to lead a discussion regarding how to prepare/best lessons learned from their rapid growth. * There is regional collaboration surrounding an Office of Economic Administration grant. * Fort Gordon is currently experimenting with solutions surrounding ongoing traffic at Gate 2. <p>Phil Gaffney, Jean Garniewicz, and Stan Shepherd all commented on the Development Authority training that they recently completed. There was discussion on how well DACC operates as an authority and with the county. Not all communities have the same story. Overall, training was beneficial and informational.</p>	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A

Closed Session		
5 minute(s)	Chris Driver, Legal Counsel	
Discussion	Motion to enter closed session: Hugh Hollar. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (7-0) Motion to exit closed session: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Kerry Bridges. Motion carries unanimously. (7-0) A legal and property matter were discussed but no action was taken in closed session. matter and a personnel matter were discussed but no action was taken in closed session. No action will be taken on either matter in open session.	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Adjournment		8:52 a.m.
Conclusions	Motion to adjourn: Hugh Hollar. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)	
Next meeting: July 24, 2019	DACC Conference Room	All