

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
18-Dec-19			7:30 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	8:34 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Phil Gaffney	Y
	Hugh Hollar	Y	Jean Garniewicz	N	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Ron Thigpen	N	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	Y
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards, Chris Driver, Tom Clark, Mark Hodges, Tammy Shepherd					
Meeting Agenda						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Mark Wills					
Discussion	Mark Wills called the meeting to order. The agenda of the December 18, 2019 meeting was approved.					
Conclusions	Phil Gaffney asked that the minutes be edited to read, "motion was made to grant" rather than "motion was made to grand." Phil Gaffney made a motion to accept the December 18, 2019 meeting agenda and the November 20, 2019 meeting minutes barring the correction simultaneously. Second: Hugh Hollar. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
N/A	N/A		N/A			
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Mark Wills					
Discussion	The minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved.					
Conclusions	See the previous section.					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
Correct November 20, 2019 minutes	Anita Patel		N/A			
DACC Financial Report						
3 minute(s)	Rick Evans, Robbie Bennett					
Discussion	November 2019 financials were presented by Rick Evans stating that DACC has Net Assets of \$422,068.95 and Total Liabilities and Net Assets of \$6,098,484.34. Significant development costs were incurred during the month of November. The DACC is on track as expected per budget schedule aside from the development class. Robbie Bennett addressed the costs claiming that November and May will look like that due to paying the debt service on White Oak Business Park at I-20. Stan Shepherd made a motion to accept the November 2019 financials. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Conclusions	Phil Gaffney made a motion to accept the October 2019 Financial Report as presented. Second: Ron Thigpen. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
None	N/A		N/A			
Chairman's Report						
3 minute(s)	Mark Wills					

Discussion	Mark Wills shared that the Metro Atlanta TAD Benchmarking trip last week was a success and commended Taylor Edwards for her efforts in planning and coordinating. On Tuesday, our group learned of the legalities surrounding TAD and visited communities on Wednesday. He added that the visions of the benchmark communities was not very different from our own and that it provide incredible insight on how to operate and leverage TADs. He felt like it made an impact with the county staff and commission as well. He also added that it was time for the nominating committee to meet; Stan Shepherd will chair that committee and provide recommendations for January Board meeting.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
<1 minute(s)	Mark Wills		
Discussion	Mark Wills shared that there were no committee meetings due to the TAD Benchmarking trip, which helped serve the purpose of a committee meeting.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
7 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards		
Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett shared that project activity remains very high. The TAD trip went really well. Taylor is working on a TAD white paper to share with our Board of Directors and Columbia County. There does seem to be new excitement related to this.</p> <p>White Oak Business Park is progressing. We proceeded with the road design and hope to have something to share in January. The due diligence for Phase 2 is complete, so the master planning will begin shortly. DACC plans to submit for GRAD certification during Q2.</p> <p>The Project Manager trip went very well and was well received now that we have product to share with them. The possibilities of the existing and future opportunities was a huge talking point, as well as the fact that most of DACC projects do not come from GDEcD or the utilities.</p> <p>There is not a lot of travel in January, but spring will be very busy with many events that in conjunction with GDEcD.</p> <p>Jean Garniewicz added that the TAD Benchmarking trip went very well and Taylor Edwards did a good job coordinating and managing the group. There were a lot of takeaways to bring back to Columbia County.</p> <p>Taylor Edwards added that she hopes to have the TAD white paper done by the end of this week and that she is working on collecting all of the presentations from the trip, so that they can be shared.</p> <p>We finished filming for the existing industry "Up" video last week. We are working with one industry to obtain existing footage. Kruhu will soon start the editing process and expects to be completed with the project in January.</p> <p>Taylor has also been cleaning up the formatting of the Destination Retail Incentive Application and has digitized it.</p> <p>Taylor also updated LOCI, DACC's fiscal impact analysis software. It has not been updated in two years, largely because it has not been a huge need for the team. It should be updated by the end of the week.</p> <p>On a personal note, Taylor Edwards thanked the DACC Board for their support relating to her wedding shower and her recent marriage; she brought apple butter to share with the Board as a thank you.</p> <p>Hugh Hollar asked how Anita Patel's on was doing. Robbie shared that Anita is actually traveling to Cleveland to have their follow-up appointment with the cardiology team there. We hope for good news later today.</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Old Business			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion	None		

Conclusions	None	
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None	N/A	N/A
New Business		
4 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	DACC was asked for lead generation support. We were approached by Gazelle, an industry leader for lead/project generation. Their leads are associated with bonavide projects and can support Economic Developers attending trade shows. Richmond, Aiken, and Columbia County development authorities asked Gazelle for pricing on a regional level, which was \$15K (\$5K for each community). There was some discussion about the company and the approval process for the other authorities. Columbia County was the only one who sought approval. Funding this service would allow DACC to attend trade shows with contacts and provide another avenue for projects. Georgia Power does fund this platform but the usability of it is a lot different when you can operate the platform yourself.	
Conclusions	Hugh Hollar made a motion to approve \$5,000 for a regional Gazelle subscription. Second: Jean Garniewicz. The motion passed unanimously. (8-0)	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Calendar of Events		
0 minute(s)	None	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Public Comments		
1 minute(s)	Dr. Tom Clark, Mark Hodges, and Tammy Shepherd	
Discussion	<p>Tammy Shepherd shared that the Young Men on the Way program has graduation today. February 6, 2020 is the date of the Annual Banquet and nominations for business of the year are open. Greater Augusta Day at the Capital will be February 19, 2020. Registration for that program is open and the cost is \$400/participant. CCC is hosting a fundraiser for their Foundation, which is an 8 day trip to the Northwest USA. The trip will be next Fall but registration is closed in March. Career and College Expo will be March 12. TSPLOST approved the project list on Monday. The Chambers are trying to raise \$50K for a branding campaign to help generate support for TIA 2. Tammy is also looking for opportunities to speak to civic groups regarding TIA. Mark Wills commented that the Army-Navy game was very good. Dr. Tom Clark was in attendance and felt similarly, although he was rooting for Army. Fort Gordon is in the process of moving 5,000 trainees home for the holiday season. The Augusta Airport has been very helpful with this process. The Alliance has been involved the Army Cyber relocating. As of date, 250 are already here with a total 1400 relocating in June. The Alliance will also continue its workforce development support through the CERTS Capture the Flag program. Mark Hodges shared that things are well and the company is expecting a number of projects to go out for bid in January.</p>	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Closed Session		
32 minute(s)	Chris Driver	

Discussion	<p>Motion to enter closed session: Jean Garniewicz Second: Kerry Bridges. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0) Motion to exit closed session: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)</p> <p>Attorney Chris Driver shared that the Board of Directors discussed 1 personnel matter and 5 property matters. No action was taken in closed session, but action will be taken on 1 personnel matter and 2 property matters in open session.</p>		
Conclusions	<p>Motion 1 - Motion to approve ammendment to the IGA between the Development Authority of Columbia County and the Columbia County BOC dated December 2017 exemption parcel A2 from the sales restriction of \$30,000 per acre. Motion: Rick Evans. Second: Jean Garniewicz. The motion passed unanimously. (8-0) Motion 2 - Motion to approve the land trasfer of approximately 25 acres to Club Car for consideration of expenses incurred for the construction of the Innovation Parkway turn lane off of SR 47. The Chairman is granted authority to execute all related documents to effectuate the same. Motion: Kerry Bridges. Second: Jean Garniewicz. The motion passed unanimously. (8-0)</p> <p>Motion 3 - Motion to approve the personnel contract between the Development Authority of Columbia County, the Columbia County BOC, and Robert Bennett to begin on January 1, 2020. Motion: Stan Shepherd. Second: Jean Garniewicz. The motion passed unanimously. (8-0)</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Adjournment			
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the December 18, 2019 Board Meeting. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Rick Evans. The motion passed unanimously. (8-0)		
Next meeting: January 22, 2020		DACC Conference Room	All