

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
22-Apr-20				7:30 a.m.	Virtual	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	8:52 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	N	Rick Evans	Y	Phil Gaffney	Y
	Hugh Hollar	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Ron Thigpen	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	Y
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett , Taylor Edwards, Anita Patel, Chris Driver, Dr.Tom Clark, Tammy Shepherd					
Meeting Agenda						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	Kerry Bridges called the meeting to order. The agenda of the April 22, 2020 meeting was approved with closed session added as a modification to the agenda.					
Conclusions	Motion: Hugh Hollar Phil Gaffney. Second: Ron Thigpen. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
N/A			N/A		N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	The minutes of the February 26, 2020 and March 17, 2020 meetings were approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Hugh Hollar Phil Gaffney. Second: Ron Thigpen. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0).					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
DACC Financial Report						
5 minute(s)	Rick Evans					
Discussion	Rick Evans shared reviewed the February 202 Financials with the Board sharing that Total Liabilities and Net Assets are: \$6,070,101.77 and that some budget items such as marketing, travel, business development were affected by pandemic but overall, the budget was on track from an administrative and personnel standpoint . A motion was made to approve February 2020 financials as submitted. Motion: Jean Garniewicz Second: Christina Purkapile Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Conclusions	None					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	

Chairman's Report		
5 minute(s)	Kerry Bridges	
Discussion	Kerry Bridges thanked the Board and Staff for working so diligently and effectively in these unprecedented times.	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
DACC Committee Reports		
0 minute(s)	None	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Economic Development Update		
17 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards	
Discussion	Robbie Bennett shared the Economic Development Director's report and Taylor Edwards shared the Economic Development Coordinator/Project Manager report. Both of these reports are attached to the minutes.	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Old Business		
14 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	Robbie shared that there are organizations that would like to help local businesses with grant money but need a 501( c ) 3 to grant these through - one that has economic development and community assistance responsibilities to serve the business community. Discussions were held by the board about the nonprofit purpose and the title of the person responsible . A discussion was also held about a title change for Robbie Bennett to "President" in lieu of "Executive Director" for the 501 ( c ) 3 "Develop Columbia County, Inc."	
Conclusions	Motion to approve documents to move forward with the 501 ( c ) and change Robbie Bennett's position title to "President" of "Develop Columbia County, Inc." . Second: Rick Evans. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0).	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A

New Business			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion			
Conclusions			
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			
12 minute(s)	Tammy Shepherd, Dr. Tom Clark		
Discussion	<p>Columbia County Chamber of Commerce President, Tammy Shepherd, shared that a "Recovery Task Force" has been created to bring community stakeholders together. They will focus their efforts on rehire, retraining, incubator space, economic incentives and a strategic plan to help businesses recover from economic downturn that resulted from the COVID19 pandemic. The Chamber is also looking ahead to the June 9 election where TSPLOST will be on the ballot. The Chamber is conducting virtual engagement sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays. Leadership Columbia County application deadline has been extended to the middle of May. Springbridge Consulting has been hired to conduct a nationwide search for a Chamber President following Tammy Shepherd's retirement. Kerry thanked Tammy for all of her hard work with the Chamber for the past 13 years.</p> <p>Dr. Tom Clark shared that Fort Gordon has continued construction and training. Colonel Clifford will be the new City Administrator for North Augusta when he retires. They are working on the OEA grant and will be associated with growth at Fort Gordon. With the stop order at Fort Gordon, parents will not be allowed to attend graduation or to transport their kids to their new assignments. They will be transferred by Fort Gordon to their new assignment. Work is ongoing with the new Cyber Command Center and remains on schedule.</p>		
Conclusions			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A

<b>Closed Session</b>		
30 minute(s)	Chris Driver	
Discussion	<p>Motion to enter closed session: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Rick Evans. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)            Motion to exit closed session: Ron Thigpen. Second: Rick Evans. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)</p> <p>Attorney Chris Driver shared that the Board of Directors discussed 2 real estate matters, 1 lease, 1 purchase. Action will be taken in open session.</p>	
Conclusions	<p>Motion made by Hugh Hollar to approve the First Amendment to Real Estate Contract of Sale between Seefried Industrial Properties, Inc. and the Development Authority of Columbia County establishing the sale price for Parcel D1 (77.79 ac) on PLAT recorded 4/21/2020 at \$3,496,500 and granting the Chairman to negotiate and execute all related closing documents. Second: Ron Thigpen. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)</p> <p>Motion made by Stan Shepherd to approve the Development Authority of Columbia County Incentive Letter, dated April 22, 2020, detailing the available development incentives for Project Tea Olive. Second: Christina Purkapile. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)</p>	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
<b>Adjournment</b>		
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the April 22, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion: Stan Shepherd. Second: Christina Purkapile. The motion passed unanimously. (8-0)	
Next meeting: May 27, 2020	DACC Conference Room	All