

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
22-Jul-20				7:30	Virtual	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	9:50 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	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					
Meeting Agenda						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	Kerry Bridges called the meeting to order. The agenda for the July 22, 2020 meeting was approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Hugh Hollar. Second: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
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 June 24th and June 26th, 2020 meetings were approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Hugh Hollar. Second: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
DACC Financial Report						
5 minute(s)	Rick Evans					
Discussion	Rick Evans reviewed the June 2020 Financials with the Board sharing that Total Liabilities and Net Assets are: \$6.74 million. Net assets were \$1.9 million with \$600,00 in restricted assets. In the Budget-to-Actual report, revenue was up with the SRSCRO Grant, Georgia Power Grant, Timber Sale and Land sale. Expenses has a surplus in business development to be carried over for the November Masters Tournament as well as other business development activities that have been post-poned. Administrative and personnel categories within budget for the fiscal year. A motion was made to approve June 2020 financials as submitted with changes post-audit. Motion: Phil Gaffney. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
Conclusions	A motion was made to approve June 2020 financials as submitted with changes post-audit. Motion: Phil Gaffney. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
None	N/A		N/A			

Chairman's Report			
4 minute(s)	Kerry Bridges		
Discussion	Kerry Bridges shared that the Development Authority has signed the Georgia Safety Promise. Robbie Bennett shared that this was Governor's Kemp's initiative to encourage mask wearing. This initiative has been adopted by the Georgia Department of Economic Development. The goal of this initiative is the positive promotion of health and safety in our area. Taylor has shared this message on social media on behalf of DACC.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
8 minute(s)	Stan Shepherd, Phil Gaffney		
Discussion	<p>Property Development Committee - Stan Shepherd shared that the committee met and discussed the White Oak Business Park road work, GRAD certification, Phase 2 and adjacent properties, The Plaza, Martinez TAD, Gate 6, Gateway - master planning, &amp; trends in work from home/hub zones.</p> <p>Existing Business and Workforce Development - Phil Gaffney shared that the committee met on July 10. He thanked Taylor Edwards for her work on the COVID19 survey. The draft for the Regional Workforce Study by Garner Economics is being reviewed. Sales tax revenue continues at a reasonable pace. Local existing industry /businesses appreciate the outreach and wage data provided by DACC. Jean Garniewicz shared that the local hotels have an average occupancy of 65% mostly due to the construction industry. Kerry Bridges shared that hotels are back to normal occupancy but rates are below average.</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
17 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards		
Discussion	<p>Monthly reporting for stuff activities was shared. White oak, master plan and concept is received bidding closes August 7 on the road. July 24, Kent concept plan for landscaping will be finalized by Jonathan Williams with Columbia County and shared with the development authority. All activities have been canceled in person some may be virtual in the fall. In terms of digital marketing, SCO, social media, virtual tours, the development Authority has spoken with orange 142 and received a proposal for them. Reallocation of budget will be considered for digital marketing.</p> <p>GIS has been working with the development authority and willing to give logins to development 30 staff. The up video has final edits and we are hopeful to have it released this week. The introduction had to be changed which is what has caused the delay. Taylor and Anita continue to contact local businesses an existing industry and provide outreach. Next site 363 year contract is coming to a close. Consideration is being given in regards to extending the contract as is or change regions that they cover. This will be presented to the business recruitment incentive committee in August for discussion.</p> <p>Martinez TAD - The Blakely group had to re-organize their calendar as in person tours had to be revisited. They will be virtual meetings with businesses. They still plan to deliver their findings in December.</p> <p>Kerry Commended the report that ROBBIE is presenting. Hugh Hollar Share that the sales tax numbers may be impacted by the housing boom growth. Georgia power is on pace with the same numbers as last year and was commercial as well. Rezoning for the land across the street from the White Oak business park Dash Robbie spoke at the commission meeting, the biggest stipulation is the access from which is anticipated to be a right in and write out that the church will build them selves. May need easement for sewer, this passed the planning commission and will be presented at the Board of Commission meeting for vote.</p> <p>Business Development</p> <p>The surplus in the budget for this fiscal year was due to cancellations from the pandemic. ROBBIE recommended to amend the budget keeping professional development for Robbie and Taylor rolling into this new fiscal year. He shared that the Georgia Power grant and \$25,000 from the marketing budget should be spent on digital marketing with a budget of \$50,000. There is a total of \$70,000 in the marketing budget currently. Marketing and supporting the county is important and this will be money well spent.</p> <p>** MOTION To approve the recommended/amended budget was made by Ron Thigpen. Second by Jean Garniewicz. Motion passed unanimously 9-0.</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	

Old Business			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion			
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
New Business			
27 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Project Tea Olive grants            1) Inducement resolution            2) MOU - DACC, GDEC and Amazon            3) Performance agreement b/w all 3 parties</p> <p>Kerry recused himself from the next discussion on Georgia Power. Robbie shared that the utility poles, easement agreement, location of the polls has not been finalized but will make sure polls follow easement rules and the right of way rules. Outside of construction. Easement documents is the Georgia Power stock easement document. Stan asked why DOT has not already addressed this by securing the right of way versus requiring Georgia power to address easement. Carie shared that there isn't a specific answer, money polls existed for 50 to 60 years prior to the road expansions etc.</p>		
Conclusions	<p>** Motion to approve the Project Tea Olive Inducement Resolution seeking Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA) from the State of Georgia. Jean Garniewicz, 2nd - Hugh Hollar. Motion passes unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>** Motion – Motion to approve the Georgia Project Development Financial Assistance MOU between Amazon.com Services, LLC; Development Authority of Columbia County, and Georgia Department of Economic Development. Motion - Christina Purkapile, 2nd - Jean Garniewicz. Motion passes unanimously (9-0).</p> <p>** Motion – Motion to approve the Performance &amp; Accountability Agreement between Amazon.com Services, LLC; Development Authority of Columbia County, and Georgia Department of Economic Development. Motion - Ron Thigpen, 2nd - Hugh Hollar. Motion passes unanimously (7-0). Kerry Bridges and STAN SHEPHERD recuse himself from the vote.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Calendar of Events			
2 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>July 8 - Executive Committee Meeting            July 10 - Property Development Committee and Existing Business &amp; Workforce            July 22- DACC Board Meeting</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Public Comments			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion			
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Closed Session			
15 minute(s)	None		
Discussion	<p>Motion to enter Closed Session: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Christina Purkapile. The motion passed unanimously. (9-0)            Motion To Exit Closed Session: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Stan Shepherd. Motion carries unanimously (9-0).</p>		
Conclusions	Chris Driver shared that two property matters were discussed, nothing further to report. No action will be taken.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A		
Adjournment			8:52
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the May 29, 2020 Board Meeting at 9:50 am. Motion: Stan Shepherd. Second: Rick Evans. Motion carries unanimously (9-0).		
Next meeting: August 26, 2020	Virtual	All	