DACC Board Meeting Minutes

24-Mar-21				7:30	Virtual

Meeting called by	Chairman, Kerry Bridges				
Type of meeting	Board Meeting				
Facilitator	Chairman, Kerry Bridges				
Note taker	Anita Patel				
Adjourned					8:35 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, Mark Hodges, Russell Lahodny, Tom Clark				

Meeting Agenda

<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges		
Discussion	Kerry Bridges called the meeting to order. The agenda for the March 24, 2021 meeting was approved with 3 amendments.		
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Phil Gaffney. 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 February 24, 2021 meeting were approved.		
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline

DACC Financial Report

8 minute(s)	Rick Evans		
Discussion	Rick Evans reviewed the February 2021 Financials sharing that Total Liabilities and Net Assets are: $18.4 million. Expenditures in Website Development, Economic Development Marketing and Development Class were shared with the Board. The Budget to Actual reports shows that all expenses for the 8 months of July 2020 - February 2021 are as expected.		
Conclusions	A motion was made to approve the February 2021 financials as submitted. Motion: Ron Thigpen. Second: Hugh Hollar. Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A

Chairman's Report

1 minute(s)	Kerry Bridges		
Discussion	Kerry Bridges shared that this report will be combined with the Executive Director's Report.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items		Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A

DACC Committee Reports

4 minute(s)	Stan Shepherd, Phil Gaffney
Discussion	The Property Committee report was shared by Stan Shepherd. Stan shared that the committee met on March 12, 2021 and discussed the White Oak road construction, progress with covenants for the business park, new facility, entrance sign landscaping, increasing the size of the retention pond in Phase 2, drone footage for Georgia Power, Gate 6 update and that there was a closed session with one property matter discussed and no action taken. The Existing Business and Workforce Development committee report was shared by Phil Gaffney. Phil shared that the committee met on March 12, 2021. He shared that Taylor has been working with Adela Kelley on a virtual existing industry council. He also shared that the Regional Workforce study was presented by Robbie at the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce's Executive Luncheon Series on March 17th and was well received with positive feedback.
Conclusions	None

Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A

Economic Development Update

10 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett

Discussion	Robbie shared that the County team will be moving forward soon with the landscaping around the White Oak entrance sign. There have been delays due to weather.
	- Thomas and Hutton are working on the road design for White Oak Phase 2.
	- Alliance Drive and Collaboration Drive will soon be pave in White Oak Phase 1.
	- Robbie shared recent photos and an update on the activity at White Oak with construction of the roads and bridges
	- There are discussions in regards to how best to utilize the excess fill dirt at White Oak.
	- A draft of the covenants for the business park will be ready in the next 30 days.
	- The Regional Workforce Study has been well received and a potential wage survey may be conducted in May
	- Harlem and Grovetown has confirmed that they will rejoin NextSite.
	- Kruhu's proposal of the DACC 50th Anniversary Campaign celebration was shared with the Board
	
	Taylor shared:
	  - GRAD application should be complete and ready for submission soon
	  - Taylor also shared that existing industry meetings have gone well and they are focused on planned growth, upward momentum in wages, and workplace culture. There is also a keen interest expressed in a wage survey.
	  - Orange 142 - 775,000 ad impressions in the first half of the campaign. Half of website visits were coming from GA, SC, NC and CA
	  - There has been a great deal of interest in workforce development since Robbie's presentation and DACC and the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce have been brainstorming ideas on creating a career database for the area.
	  - Discussion on the future of the Martinez TAD and if it will be addressed if there as a catalyst project for the area
	  - Taylor asked the board to share any information/stories they may have on the history of DACC
	
	Anita shared:
	  - Destination Retail Incentive interest continues with one application in evaluation
	  - Small Business Resource Guide

Conclusions	None

Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A

Old Business

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

New Business

8 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	Robbie shared that Grovetown has made a decision to rejoin Next Site. The total cost will be $6500 to add Grovetown and Grovetown has requested DACC for support with half of this cost.		
Conclusions	Motion was made to support Grovetown's rejoining Next Site with DACC contributing $3250. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Hugh Hollar Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)		
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

4 minute(s)	Dr. Tom Clark, Russel Lahodny, Mark Hodges		
Discussion	Dr. Tom Clark shared that there will be movement at the installation with the 7th Signal Command moving to Fort Mead and the 35th Signal Brigade moving to Fort Bragg. There will 500 students moving to the installation. Russ Lahodny, President & CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked DACC Executive Director, Robbie Bennett, for his support and presentation on the Regional Workforce Study that he presented 2021 kickoff to the Executive Luncheon Series on March 17, 2021. He also shared that there will several collaboration projects with DACC included the Small Business Resource Guide, and a business advisory committee. The Chamber Foundation has created a new Internship program for which they have already placed over 50 students with summer internships in the county. Mark Hodges with RD Brown Construction congratulated Robbie for doing an outstanding job at the C.C. Chamber's Executive Luncheon Series.		
Conclusions			
Action Items		**Person Responsible**	**Deadline**
None		N/A	N/A

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Closed Session				
8 minute(s)	None			
Discussion	A Motion was made to enter closed session. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Rick Evans. Motion carries unanimously. (9-0) A Motion was made to exit closed session. Motion: Stan Shepherd. Second: Mark Wills. Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)			
Conclusions	One property issue was discussed and no action taken.			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline	
None		N/A		
Adjournment				8:46
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the March 24, 2021 Board Meeting at 9:00 am. Motion: Hugh Hollar. Second: Rick Evans. Motion carries unanimously (9-0).			
Next meeting: April 28, 2021		Virtual	All	