

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
28-Apr-21			7:30		Virtual	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	8:30 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, Tom Clark					
Meeting Agenda						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	Kerry Bridges called the meeting to order. The agenda for the April 28, 2021 meeting was approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Phil Gaffney. 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 March 24, 2021 meeting were approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
DACC Financial Report						
8 minute(s)	Rick Evans					
Discussion	Rick Evans reviewed the March 2021 Financials sharing that Total Liabilities and Net Assets are: \$18 million. The gain on sale of land were proceeds from the right-of-way parcel at Horizon South. Comparison of budge-to-actual report shows approximated 25% of the budget remaining.					
Conclusions	A motion was made to approve the March 2021 financials as submitted. Motion: Hugh Hollar. Second: Christina Purkapile. 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 his report will be combined with the Executive Director's Report. Kerry shared that we are in a busy period and he thanked the staff for all of their hard work.					
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			
30 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Development Activity is picking up as vaccinations are becoming available and Covid protocols are followed. - Robbie attended Site Selectors Guild Convention in Nashville which focused on distribution centers, the "Amazon Effect," and data centers. - Landscaping at the entrance of the White Oak Business Park has seen delays due to weather which has affected the completion of landscaping at the PAC in turn affecting work on White Oak landscaping. - The road construction at White Oak is on track and there has been a draw-down request for the DACC grant and Columbia County grant. - The road construction on White Oak Phase 2 should begin by Fall 2021. - The White Oak Business Park covenants are moving forward and a draft is anticipated by mid-May. - The Regional workforce study continues to receive great feedback - employer benefits and talent recruitment are priorities. - The region is back to pre-covid unemployment. Columbia County is back to the 2.8% unemployment rate. - Robbie shared that there has to be a balance between talent recruitment and availability of housing. - Robbie and Anita met with David Jenkins from the City of Harlem and Next Site. There will be a meeting set up next with Grovetown, NextSite and DACC. - Robbie share that Masters did not have the Red Carpet Tour for 2021 but they anticipate its return for Masters 2022. - - Workforce development work continues and a wage-survey is planned to launch next month. - Small Business inquiries continue for the county. - There is a new project inquiry that has been received by DACC that is requesting regionalism. 		
	<p>There have been two Film projects locally - on is a film documentary that is shooting a series in Harlem, the other is "The Agent Game" starring Mel Gibson that shot in Columbia County at Rec Tec last week. It has also filmed in Aiken, and Augusta.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Taylor Edwards shared that she has been working with Orange 142. There have been 778,000 impression since September 2020 to present. Taylor is working with them to maximize the remaining budget and create a calendar of events and content for the remaining campaign. - Taylor is also working with existing industry to formulate ideas on a regional wage survey. - Taylor provided tax incentive information to small businesses as well. - Robbie shared information on 50th anniversary marketing material being created by Kruhu, Street light information about White Oak and he shared a preview of the video created by Georgia Power showcasing White Oak Business Park. 		
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			
2 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	Robbie Bennett shared that a second board retreat is being planned for the end of May, beginning of June.		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Calendar of Events			
2 minute(s)	None		
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Public Comments			
2 minute(s)	Dr. Tom Clark		
Discussion	Dr. Tom Clark shared the Fort Gordon is now in condition "Bravo" which allows the use of gyms, and dining out. June 30th there will be a change of command shifting from General Hershey to General Stanton. The ribbon cut for Gate 6 is scheduled for the 1st week of August.		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Closed Session			
25 minute(s)	None		
Discussion	A Motion was made to enter closed session. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Rick Evans. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0) A Motion was made to exit closed session. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Ron Thigpen. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)		
Conclusions	Motion to approve the Right-of-Way Easement between Jefferson Energy and the Development Authority of Columbia County and grant Vice Chairman Authority to sign related documents. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Hugh Hollar. (8-0) Motion to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Development Authority of Columbia County and Chesterfield, LLC in the amount of \$900,000 for Parcels C1 & 2 and grant the Chairman authority to finalize negotiations and sign all documents related to this request. Motion: Christina Purkapile. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A		
Adjournment			
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the March 24, 2021 Board Meeting at 8:30 am. Motion: Stan Shepherd. Second: Christina Purkapile. Motion carries unanimously (7-0).		
Next meeting: May 26,2021	Virtual	All	