

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
23-Jun-21				7:30	DACC Conference Room	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	8:2900 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, Dr. Steve Flynt Russell Lahodny					
Meeting Agenda						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	Kerry Bridges called the meeting to order. The agenda for the June 23, 2021 meeting was approved.					
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 May 26, 2021 meeting were approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz.. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
DACC Financial Report						
3 minute(s)	Rick Evans					
Discussion	Rick Evans reviewed the May 2021 Financials sharing that Total Liabilities and Net Assets are: \$15.06 million. The Development class accounts included many unbudgeted items due to the tremendous activity seen over the fiscal year. The Budget to Actual reports shows that all expenses are on track as this fiscal year comes to an end.					
Conclusions	A motion was made to approve the May 2021 financials as submitted. Motion: Phil Gaffney Second: Mark Wills. 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 activity has remained at a high level and thanked the staff and board for their hard work. The remaining updates 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			
2 minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz		
Discussion	Jean Garniewicz shared that the Business Recruitment Committee met on June 2nd for it's regular scheduled meeting and discussed the Destination Retail Incentive Policy and necessary updates, Small Business Resource Guide, White Oak Phase 1 & 2, 50th Anniversary event and campaign, conference and travel schedule for staff as events transition back to live/in-person events.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
40 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett shared the following:</p> <p>White Oak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landscaping delay due to road construction in the business park - Phase 2 road design almost complete - The White Oak master planning for phase 2 moving forward with Thomas & Hutton - Spec Building moving forward - 170,000 square foot building. - GRAD certification application to be submitted this week - Existing industry's main concern right now is workforce availability/quality labor - NextSite - meetings set for developers focusing on Harlem and Grovetown - Robbie shared the project summary showing current project activity with 31 active projects - Unemployment rate for Columbia County is 2.4% <p>Taylor Edwards shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The latest Orange 142 report shows 1.3 million views to our digital marketing efforts, up 19% from last month. Content creation underway for blogs. Campaign ends in August. - Kruhu is currently working on a site map for the new website and 50th Anniversary material. - Regional wage and benefits survey launched. Existing industry is requesting this data. 		
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			
5 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	Budget overview for FY 2022 presented to the Board - County-approved wage increase approved on June 15. - Rent will increase since DACC now has the former CVB Suite - Marketing budget increase after success of Orange 142 partnership - Personnel increase reflects County's increases - County has honored DACC budget request		
Conclusions	Motion was made to the FY 2022 Budget. Motion: Christina Purkapile. Second: Rick Evans 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		
8 minute(s)	Dr. Steve Flynt, Russel Lahodny	
Discussion	<p>Kerry Bridges welcomed Columbia County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Steve Flynt. Dr. Flynt shared that the FY 2022 budget was passed. Many additions to schools are being completed as well as the support complex. Facility Maintenance will move into the support complex next month and Technology Department will move in at the end of August. Columbia County weathered the pandemic well with the fewest learning gaps in the state. The new school year will be full-time in-person learning with safety protocols in place. Kerry Bridges shared that DACC and the Chamber of Commerce are in support of and excited to partner with the school system. Dr. Flynt shared that the school system does not expect staff shortages and only has a few openings remaining to fill.</p> <p>Columbia County Chamber of Commerce President, Russell Lahodny shared that the Internship program has seen success with its initial launch placing 37 students into summer internships. Students receive 1 credit for 180 hours of work and the wage is set individually per employer. The Healthcare Heroes Fund is still accepting donations and the Chamber expects to distribute these donations to the Foundations of the local hospitals as a token of appreciation from the local business community to our local healthcare heroes for helping everyone get through the 2020-2021 year. Russell also shared that the Chamber has a podcast which hosts a range of professionals and is a way for the business community to share information.</p> <p>Augusta Chronical reporter, Joe, asked for clarification on "GRAD Certification"</p>	
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Closed Session		
0 minute(s)	None	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	
Adjournment		8:29 A.M.
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the June 23, 2021 Board Meeting at 8:29 am. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously (9-0).	
Next meeting: July 28, 2021	DACC	All