

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
25-Jan-23			7:30 a.m.		DACC	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman Rick Evans					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	8:30AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	N
	Jim Cox	Y	Jean Garniewi	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Mark Herbert	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	Y
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Anita Patel, Chris Driver, Garrett Dragano, Hugh Hollar, Dr. Steve Flynt, Dr. Tom Clark, Commissioner Gary Richardson, Joe Hotchkiss					
Meeting Agenda						
1 minute(s)						
Discussion	Rick Evans called the meeting to order. The agenda for the January 25, 2023 meeting was approved with one agenda item addition.					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Wills: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
N/A			N/A		N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman Rick Evans recommended the minutes for the December 21, 2022 Board Meeting be approved with corrections					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Wills: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
Financials						
3 minute(s)	Christina Purkapile					
Discussion	Christina Purkapile presented the December 2022 Financial report to the board sharing that there were \$15,978,406.27 in Total Net Assets & Liabilities. Explanation was provided on the \$25K payment to Nextsite as well as upcoming expenditures necessary for April Showcase. A motion was made to approve the financials as presented.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz Second: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously. (8-0).					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	

Chairman's Report			
5 minute(s)	Rick Evans		
Discussion	<p>Chairman Rick Evans thanked Hugh Hollar for his tremendous service to the DACC Board and leading the Board as White Oak Business Park came to fruition under his leadership. Chairman Rick Evans presented Hugh Hollar with a plaque in his honor. The Board, staff, and guests thanked him with a standing ovation.</p> <p>Chairman Rick Evans welcomed Jim Cox to the DACC Board of Directors.</p> <p>Chairman Rick Evans all of the DACC Board members to review the Code of Ethics, Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest and Attendance documents and sign and date them.</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
3 minute(s)	Mark Wills, Jean Garniewicz, Garrett Dragano		
Discussion	<p>Nominating Committee Mark Wills, the chairman of the nominating committee, made a motion presenting the slate of officers for the DACC Executive Committee as follows: Chairman - Rick Evans Vice Chairman - Stan Shepherd Treasurer - Christina Purkapile Secretary - Jean Garniewicz</p> <p>Existing Business & Workforce Development Committee Jean Garniewicz shared that the committee met on December 13th and discussed the BeProBeProud workforce development tool, Junior Achievement program. They also discussed issues affecting workforce including housing, childcare and transportation. Garrett Dragano shared that he is creating an Existing Industry program focusing on quarterly meetings. He has also reached out to Elliot Price & Adela Kelley about this. He is also working on appreciation events for existing industry. Additionally, he has been working with The Columbia County Board of education on their Work Based Learning program to help create a pipeline for students to enter the workforce post graduation.</p> <p>Committee Structures: Rick Evans shared the new committee structures with the Board: Existing Business Committee: Jean Garniewicz, Rick Evans, Kerry Bridges Business Recruitment Committee: Christina Purkapile, Sanjeev Singhal, Jim Cox Property Committee: Mark Wills, Mark Herbert, Stan Shepherd</p>		
Conclusions	Nominating Committee chairman, Mark Wills, made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion: Mark Wills Second: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously. (8-0).		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
18 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		

Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett shared the following in the January 2023 Economic Development Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -White Oak Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Wetland credits for stream crossings * Pipe has been ordered, final stages of lift station planning -Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Hotel feasibility study underway * April showcase planning underway - Madalyn Brantley has resigned from the Development Authority and accepted a new positions as program director with the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. - Project load remains strong - many projects delayed due to supply chain issues - UGA Economic Development conference attended by staff - Georgia Power is partnering with DACC for a housing study 		
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			
9 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>1. Robbie Bennett shared that construction is moving along for the Grand Oaks apartment complex but there have been delays so Southeastern is asking for an extension "z force majeure" based on these delays</p> <p>2. Budget. With cost increases for April showcase, a request was made to increase the budget for April Showcase to \$50,000.</p> <p>3. Building D Lease - Current lease is set to expire on January 31, 2023. A request was made to approve a renewal of the lease for DACC office space in building D with the same terms as the current lease. A sublease to the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce will be sent for approval upon renewal.</p>		
Conclusions	<p>1.COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION / MOTION: Motion – Motion to approve the MODIFICATION OF DEED TO SECURE DEBT, ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS, AND SECURITY AGREEMENT increasing the maximum loan amount for the Grand Oaks Evans, LLC project from \$37,370,818 to \$45,849,063. Motion Jean Garniewicz. Second: Mark Herbert. Motion carries unanimously (7-0). Abstain: Mark Wills. Motion: Christina Purkapile. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously (7-0). Abstain: Mark Wills.</p> <p>2,Motion to approve the RESOLUTION BY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBIA COUNTY AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF COMPLETION DATE AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR GRAND OAK EVANS, LLC PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES extending the completion date of the project from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2025. Motion to increase the budget for April Showcase to a maximum of \$50,000. Motion Stan Shepherd. Second Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0).</p> <p>3. Motion to increase the budget for April Showcase to a maximum of \$50,000. Motion Stan Shepherd. Second Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0).</p> <p>4. Motion to approve renewing the five year intergovernmental lease between the Development Authority of Columbia County and the Columbia County Board of Commissioners for Building D (4900 sf) for \$6533.33 per month plus \$500 per month utilities. Motion: Jean Garniewicz Second: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously. (8-0).</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Public Comments			
10 minute(s)	Dr. Steve Flynt, Dr. Tom Clark, Commissioner Gary Richardson		

Discussion	<p>Commissioner Richardson shared that the Columbia County commission is beginning work on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Commission appreciates all of the hard work being done throughout the County. The hospital for Columbia County is looking positive. Traffic work and road improvements continue. Work at Horizon South has been approved. Robbie Bennett thanked the commission for approving the closure of John Deere Parkway.</p>		
	<p>Dr. Steve Flynt shared that the school system is planning to expand CTAE offerings to all high schools. There was a presentation to the school board on Workforce Development showing examples of putting in advance manufacturing labs. The goal is to maximize the grant and state funding by identifying the greatest workforce needs for the community. Dr. Flynt shared that all additions are on schedule. Westmont Elementary construction is going well. Dr. Flynt also shared that there was a Junior Achievement bus tour that went to Savannah today and that the buildout is being completed by McKnight Construction. Groundbreaking will happen on February 9th at 3:30pm.</p>		
	<p>Dr. Tom Clark shared that Fort Gordon will be receiving federal money that will include \$5 million that will go toward child development centers, \$21 million for future growth and \$2 million toward National Guard. Fort Gordon grew last year and will continue to grow by another 1000 people. Renaming of the installation will happen around Eisenhower's birthday in October. Dr. Clark thanked Mark Herbert and his wife for the concert sponsorship - Army Band and Army Chorus.</p>		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A
Calendar of Events			
0 minute(s)			
Discussion			
Conclusions	None		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A
Closed Session			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items		Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A
Adjournment			8:30
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the January 25, 2023 Board Meeting at 9:00 am. Motion: Mark Willis Second: Jim Cox. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).		
Next meeting: February 22, 2023		DACC	All