

WE INVEST in our community

It has been a tremendous professional privilege to serve as the Chair of the Board of Governors for GIDA over the past year. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Board and GIDA staff for their vision and leadership, which have been instrumental in laying the groundwork for our region's economic growth, stability, and prosperity.

It has become increasingly evident that our success hinges on collaboration. This year, we partnered closely with local elected officials and industry partners on several key projects, working alongside the State Department of Economic Development and national Site Consultants. Our efforts resulted in two ribbon-cutting ceremonies with \$15 million in investment and 20 new jobs, two groundbreaking events with \$90 million in investment and 250 jobs, and contracts for two projects expected to bring \$75 million in investment and 100 new jobs.

The dedication of my fellow board members to the GIDA mission has been remarkable.

Their leadership has equipped the GIDA staff with the resources necessary to implement our vision and the insight to continue these efforts.

As we look forward into our next fiscal year, I am confident that the GIDA Board and staff will continue to deliver sustainable results that positively impact our community. Their dedication to expanding and attracting new and existing industries has demonstrated that GIDA is well-equipped to secure significant new projects, further bolstering the vibrant economy of the Golden Isles.

Respectfully,

Christy Jordan
2023-2024 Chairperson
GIDA Board of Governors

