



October 1st, 2024

Golden Isles Development Authority (GIDA) Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CHRISTY JORDAN
BILL DAWSON
DAREN PIETSCH

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

RICHARD NIXON
GREER ANDERSON

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
MCKENZIE PADGETT, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC
SHAWNA WILLIAMS, GCAC
LINA BARENO, CHILDRENS BUSINESS FAIR
ALBERTO LLANO, CHILDRENS BUSINESS FAIR
VICTORIA LLANO, CHILDRENS BUSINESS FAIR
CHILD LLANO CHILDRENS BUSINESS FAIR
TRESENA BOWE, BROWN BUTTER
JARED DIVINCENT, ON THE FLY OUTFITTERS
DAMON WHITLOW, WINGS OF GRACE MINISTRIES
RALPH STAFFIN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PAM SHIERLING, ISLANDER NEWS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Christy Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Bill Dawson gave an invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch, seconded by Bill Dawson, and passed unanimously to accept the agenda as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 3-0.

WELCOME & RECOGNIZE GUESTS

Chairman Christy Jordan welcomed guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Christy Jordan invited public comments.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

No items to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Bank Accounts Consolidation

Joan Hearn asked the Authority to consider consolidating accounts to one operating and one capital money market, one operation and one capital checking. The recommendation would be to consolidate everything to Southcoast except for account(s) required for escrow and other purposes. The Authority also has five CD's and as they mature the recommendation is to cash them out and move into a money market and other savings.

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson seconded by Daren Pietsch and passed unanimously to authorize management to consolidate accounts and have officers sign as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 3-0.

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson seconded by Daren Pietsch and passed unanimously to have CD's move into money market and other savings as they mature as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 3-0.

Share the Future (STF) Grant Consideration

Sherri Pruitt gave an update of the Share the Future projects, and the Authority recommends awarding the following applications:

Brown Butter Shoppe - \$10,000 for Placemaking

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch, seconded by Bill Dawson, and passed unanimously to approve the Share the Future for Brown Butter Shoppe as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 3-0.

On the Fly Outfitters - \$10,000 for Placemaking

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson, seconded by Daren Pietsch, and passed unanimously to approve the Share the Future for On-the-Fly Outfitters as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 3-0.

Wings of Grace Ministries - \$10,000 for Aviation/Education

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch, seconded by Bill Dawson, and passed unanimously to approve the Share the Future for Wings of Grace as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 3-0.

The remaining balance for the STF is \$15,000

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the August 15, 2024, Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 3-0.

FINANCIALS

Approve July Financials

Joan Hearn reviewed the financials with the board noting it's the first month of the fiscal year.

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Bill Dawson and to approve the July financials as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 3-0.

Approve August Financials

Joan Hearn reviewed the financials with the board noting that the Authority's main activity was the eight Share the Future grants.

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Daren Pietsch and to approve the August financials as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 3-0.

UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

OKR Update

Deferred to November

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

McKenzie Padgett reported that projects continue to come in with 20 projects in the works and advance manufacturing remaining the largest inquiries.

GEDA Luncheon

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority will be traveling to Atlanta for GEDA for networking and professional development. More to come.

GEDA Annual Conference

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority attended the GEDA Annual Conference in Savannah with great attendance and networking opportunity.

GEDA Young Professional Event

McKenzie Padgett reported her upcoming attendance to the GEDA Young Professional event. The event facilitates young professional age 40 and under. More to come.

Annie Gregson Conference

McKenzie Padgett reported on her upcoming attendance to the Annie Gregson conference held in Nashville, TN this year with a great opportunity for networking and site consultant connections. More to come.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

GDEcD Tour Visit

Sherri Pruitt reported on tour visit with GDEcD Regional Manager Dorie Bacon and two new managers. The tour included the King and Prince Seafood, Georgia Ports Authority, MAP International, and concluded with Dot and Army.

Wallenius Wilhelmsen Ribbon Cutting for DEVELON and HD Hyundai

Sherri Pruitt reported on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for DEVELON and HD Hyundai, celebrating the launch of their state-of-the-art facility. This new location is 50% larger than their previous plant and will create numerous job opportunities for our county.

Manufacturing Industry Appreciation Event

Sherri Pruitt reported on the upcoming third annual Manufacturing Appreciation Event at Silver Bluff Brewery. The gathering is the Authority's way of thanking local industries for choosing Glynn County as their place to do business. The event will be recognizing some standout industries in our community as well as the Dave Smith award. More to come.

WORKFORCE

Talent Discovery Showcase

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Talent Discovery Showcase (TDS) launched its first event at First Friday with simulator's from GICCA. Wallenius Wilhelmsen will be bringing heavy equipment to the next TDS scheduled to take place in March. More to come.

Coffee & Connections

McKenzie Padgett reported the Coffee & Connections, hosted by the Chamber, will be held at GICCA on Tuesday, October 8th at 8am. More to come.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Accele8 Speaker

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Lucas Center is hosting their quarterly event this month and GIDA will be one of the speakers for the event. More to come.

Lucas Forum Speaker

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Lucas Forum will be held at 1509 Newcastle with GIDA attending and speaking at the event. More to come.

Children's Business Fair

GIDA is delighted to partner with Children's Business Fair again for the third annual event. Lina Bareno gave a presentation of the Children's Business Fair to be held at Mary Ross Waterfront Park on October 13th from 10-4pm. There are over 60 young entrepreneurs registered from ages 7-18. This year will include lots of entertainment including music, dancing, and food trucks.

MARKETING

McKenzie Padgett gave a presentation of social media updates for the month of August.

DC Fly In

Ryan Moore reported that the Washington Fly-In was well represented by Glynn County with over 35 partners in attendance. Ralph Staffins with the Chamber of Commerce reported the group was able to meet with various representatives and in particular the Vice Chairman of Transportation and Infrastructure to discuss ESPLOST.

Golden Isles Rotary Presentation

Ryan Moore shared that he addressed the Golden Isles Rotary this month to provide them with an update on all the developments at GIDA.

Teacher of the Year

Sherri Pruitt reported the Authority is collaborating with Glynn County School System and Georgia Power to support the annual Teacher of the Year event. Each school nominates one teacher, and all nominees receive a goody bag, with the Teacher of the Year awarded a special gift in recognition of the outstanding contributions. More to come.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Property Update

Ryan Moore reported that the Airport property is GRAD certified and all property will be GRAD certified by the end of the year. The new grant program for infrastructure will be available on October 11th and the Authority will apply for the grant for the entrance at the Breakbulk site. More to come.

GCAC

Informational Items:

Shauna Williams gave a Year-to-Date review to the board and reminded everyone that Brunswick will be going to three flights a day beginning in October.

Terra Winslett announced that Aviation Career Day will be March 8th, 2025, and is free to the public with free flights for kids. More to come.

IMPORTANT DATES

- GIDA Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, at 9am at 209 Gloucester Street, Suite 211, Brunswick, GA 31520

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session - Real Estate OCGA Section §50-14-3(b)(1)(B)

Closed Session – Pending or Potential Litigation OCGA Section §50-14-2

Personnel OCGA Section §50-14-2 (b)(2)

A **MOTION** was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Bill Dawson to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate, Pending or Potential Litigation, Personnel. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 3-0.

A **MOTION** was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Bill Dawson to return to Open Session. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 3-0.

Returned to Open Session

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Daren Pietsch to approve Jered Notice of Lien as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 3:0.

ADJOURN

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Bill Dawson. The MOTION carried unanimously: 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Chairman Christy Jordan

Attest:

Sherrri Pruitt

Director of BR&E / Golden Isles Development Authority