

## November 1, 2022 Large Board Room

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

BILL AUSTIN
JONES HOOKS
CHRISTY JORDAN
JACK KILGORE
BILL DAWSON

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

RYAN MOORE, STAFF JOAN HEARN, STAFF MCKENZIE PADGETT, STAFF SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL MAYOR COSBY JOHNSON, CITY OF BRUNSWICK JULIE MARTIN, CITY OF BRUNSWICK JEREMIAH BERGQUIST, CITY OF BRUNSWICK REBECCA SEAGRET, OFF-SEASON CANVAS DAMON WHITLOW, CHRIST FLIGHT MINISTRIES TYSEAN FREEMAN-THOMAS, GOODYEAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAT HARVEY, ATLANTA GAS LIGHT MICHAEL KAZLAREK, KING KAZLAREK LAW, LLC VIA PHONE ROB BURR, GCAC TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC SHAWNA WILLIAMS, GCAC PETE SNELL, COASTAL PINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE MATHEW HILL, DOWNTOWN BRUNSWICK

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

## **INVOCATION**

Damon Whitlow with Christ Flight Ministries gave an invocation.

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#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tysean Freeman-Thomas began the pledge of allegiance.

#### **ACCEPT AGENDA**

**A MOTION** was made by Jack Kilgore, seconded by Jones Hooks, and passed unanimously to accept the agenda as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

#### **WELCOME & RECOGNIZE GUESTS**

Chairman Bill Austin welcomed guests. Damon Whitlow with Christ Flight Ministries gave an overview of Christ Flight Ministries and Wings of Grace opportunities.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Bill Austin invited public comments.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

No items to discuss

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## **Consideration of Share the Future Grant**

Sherri Pruitt presented the Share the Future request for Placemaking by Off Season Canvas, Knotted Wave Salon, and Simple Massage not to exceed \$10,000 with a total project cost of \$21,031.60. The grant will be used for exterior improvements to increase the businesses' attractiveness, visibility, and safety.

A **MOTION** was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the Share the Future grant as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

#### Consideration of Buc-ee's Bond Documents

Ryan Moore and Michael Kazlarek with King Kazlarek LawLLClc reported on the process of Buc-ee's bond documents to the board and noted that legal has reviewed all documentation. A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the Buc-ee's Bond documents as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

### **Consideration of Jered Bond Documents**

Ryan Moore presented the Jered Bond documents to the board reporting that one transaction is with the landlord and the other with the tenant. The bond documents presented today are with the landlord with a 10-year tax abatement that decreases 10% annually. Legal has reviewed all documentation.

A **MOTION** was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Jack Kilgore to approve the Bond documents as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

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#### 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

A **MOTION** was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Jones Hooks to approve the 2023 Board Meeting schedule as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**A MOTION** was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Christy Jordan to approve the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

#### **FINANCIALS**

## Approve September Financials

A **MOTION** was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the September financials as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

#### **UPDATES**

#### **PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION**

#### **Project Update**

Ryan Moore reported that AV battery industry-related projects are very heavy. Site visits remain high with many projects in the mix. More to come.

## **Hyundai Community Celebration**

Ryan Moore attended the Meta Plant community celebration in Savannah to celebrate the Hyundai plant coming with 8,000 jobs. The event was well-attended along with over 1 million dollars in charitable donations.

## RSM Event

Ryan Moore reported that the RSM event from November 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> will have several state developers, the Director of Hyundai and their team, project managers, brokers, and local manufacturers attending. More to come.

## Women in Economic Development Forum

McKenzie Padgett reported that Area Development is a publication organization that hosts six forums across the country per year for economic developers. McKenzie Padgett attended the Women in Economic forum held in Chicago to foster relationships and understand about current trends.

#### Shrimp and Grits Event

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority hosted State Developers for the Shrimp and Grits to show them our quality of life.

#### **EXISTING INDUSTRIES**

Golden Isles Development Authority Annual Appreciation Event

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Sherri Pruitt reported the Authority hosted the first annual Industry Appreciation event at Silver Bluff on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The event was well received and will be an annual event and give the Authority an opportunity to thank local industries and show our appreciation.

#### **MARKETING**

#### **GIS Email Blast**

McKenzie Padgett presented to the board the property tool embedded on the website. McKenzie Padgett demonstrated to the board the ease of using it and noted that when the Authority adds property it's updated across the state's websites.

## Linked In Campaign

McKenzie Padgett reported that the GIS Email blast will be assisting the Linked In Campaign as well for marketing efforts.

## Georgia Trend Ad

McKenzie Padgett announced that Ryan Moore, Jones Hooks, and Ralph Staffins were nominated in the Top 500 of winners in the Georgia Trend magazine.

#### WORKFORCE

## Jacksonville Florida State College Aviation Program Visit

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority visited the Florida State College Aviation Program. There is a waiting list for the program and a 100% job placement upon graduation.

#### This Girl Can

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority spoke with Brian Weese and the This Girl Can program with be continuing with plans to launch in February. More to come.

## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

#### **Talent Development**

McKensie Padgett reported that the Authority reached out to Brian Weese for the Talent Development strategy. McKensie Padgett, Ryan Moore, and Ralph Staffins and discussed what has been done to date and what needs to be done moving forward. The first group will meet in December.

## Accelerate Speaker

Ande Noktes ask the Authority to speak at the six-week program for Entrepreneurs with more to come.

#### Youth entrepreneurship

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Authority sponsored the first Annual Youth Entrepreneur Business fair formed by Del Sur. Sherri Pruitt was one of the judges for the event that was held at Village Creek Landing on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The event was a great success and Del Sur plans to expand the event next year to the local entrepreneurs at the high schools. More to come.

#### **HOMELESSNESS SUMMIT**

Ryan Moore attended the homelessness summit and commended the City and County for coming together on the issue with a great turnout and more to come.

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#### **GCAC**

## Southern Star Lease Assignment to J&J Tire - SSI Airport- Terra Winslett

A **MOTION** was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the Southern Star lease assignment as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

## FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendment #02 - Shawna Williams

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Jones Hooks to approve the FY 2022-2023 as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

## Airport Commissioner Appointment - Rob Burr

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Jack Kilgore to approve the Airport Commissioner appointment as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

Rob Burr reported that the Aviation Career Day kick-off meeting was today and the event is set to take place on March 4<sup>th</sup> with more to come.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Development Authority Board Meeting – December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am in Large Board Room

#### **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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Dawson to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate, Pending or Potential Litigation, and Personnel. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Bill Dawson on to return to Open Session. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

# **Returned to Open Session**

#### **ADJOURN**

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Dawson. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Attest:	Chairman William L. Austin, Jr.
Sherri Pruitt Director of BR&E / Golden Isles Development Authority	

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Attachments may be viewed on our website or in the Minutes Book at the Golden Isles Development Authority office at 1505 Richmond Street, Brunswick, Ga 31520.