



**December 5, 2023**

**Large Board Room**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

CHRISTY JORDAN  
BILL DAWSON  
DAREN PIETSCH  
GREER ANDERSON VIA PHONE

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

RICHARD NIXON

**OTHERS PRESENT**

RYAN MOORE, STAFF  
JOAN HEARN, STAFF  
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF  
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL  
WAYNE NEAL, GLYNN COUNTY  
JULIE MARTIN, CITY OF BRUNSWICK  
MICHELLE JOHNSTON, CCGA  
JOHNNY EVANS, CCGA  
SKIP MOUNTS, CCGA  
ANDE KOKTES, CCGA  
JENNIFER FORDHAM, DCA  
REVERAND JAMES DAVIS  
JACKIE HOLMES, BETS SENIOR ADULT HEALTH  
WINFRED HOLMES, BETS SENIOR ADULT HEALTH  
SARABETH SUTTON, CADDA  
SOPHIA HOWELL, GOODYEAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TIMOTHY HOWELL, GUEST  
JESSICA HOWELL, GUEST  
IZABELLA HOWELL, GUEST  
ROB BURR, GCAC  
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC  
GORDAN JACKSON, THE BRUNSWICK NEWS  
PAM SHIERLING, THE ISLANDER NEWS

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **INVOCATION**

Bill Dawson gave an invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Sophia Howell with Goodyear Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACCEPT AGENDA**

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson, seconded by Daren Pietsch, and passed unanimously to accept the agenda as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

### **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 License Agreement with College of Coastal Georgia (CCGA)***

Ryan Moore presented the license agreement with CCGA to the board for consideration. Michelle Johnston, Skip Mounts, Ande Noktes, and Johnny Evans from CCGA all came and spoke in support of the agreement.

A MOTION was made by Greer Anderson, seconded by Bill Dawson, and passed unanimously to accept the agreement as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

#### ***Bets Senior Adult Health Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)***

Ryan Moore and Sherri Pruitt presented the Bets Senior Adult Health RLF. The RLF would be for a Senior Care Center that would have adult day care for the elderly up to five hours a day. Transportation, activities, and food would be provided at the facilities. Bets has already been in talks with Magnolia Manor and the Southeast Georgia Health Systems about their services.

The RLF is available for businesses in Glynn County and loan applications are reviewed by the Authority, CADDA, and SBDC and then a recommendation is made to the Glynn County Board of Commissioners for approval.

The goal of the Revolving Loan Fund is to create new jobs by providing financing for businesses to start up or expand. Loan proceeds are paid back to Glynn County's Revolving Loan Fund so

they can be used for other business loans. Glynn County's Revolving Loan Fund was created by a grant award from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch, seconded by Bill Dawson, and passed unanimously to accept the agreement as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

### **SEID Grant**

Ryan Moore reported that the SEID grant would be for a total cost of \$75,000 with 50% matching local requirement for a total of \$37,500 to be raised locally. The recommendation is for GIDA to participate in the grant for \$5,000 of the \$37,500 local participation grant.

A MOTION was made by Greer Anderson, seconded by Daren Pietsch, and passed unanimously to accept the agreement as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

### **Consideration of 2024 Board Meeting Schedule**

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson, seconded by Greer Anderson, and passed unanimously to accept the 2024 board meeting schedule as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Minutes as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

### **FINANCIALS**

#### **Approve October Financials**

Joan Hearn reviewed the financials with the board with the usual activity and on target for the month of October.

A MOTION was made by Greer Anderson and seconded Daren Pietsch and to approve the October financials as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

### **UPDATES**

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION**

##### **Project Update**

Ryan Moore presented an overhead to the board breaking down where and what the Authority has done this year with projects. There have been 23 active projects along with 11 new projects this year. Ryan Moore reported one RFI came in the middle of the RSM event and a site visit last week on the day of the Jered signing. Heavy investments in large machinery, electric vehicle battery, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing has been especially busy.

***Buc-ee's Update***

Ryan Moore reported that Buc-ee's is well underway with the 404 Wetland permit is now complete thanks to help from Buddy Carter's office. Ryan Moore also reported that County's proactive support with funding of the Right-of-Way helped to get everything wrapped up and thanked them for their due diligence. More to come.

***GEDA Monthly Meeting***

Ryan Moore reported that the GEDA monthly meeting was well attended with the Authority hosted a group for dinner that evening.

***Economix***

Ryan Moore reported that McKenzie Padgett attended the roundtable group at Economix with Site Selectors discussing the latest happenings in economic development.

***RSM Summary***

Ryan Moore reported that the RSM was another success with the Authority hosting a total of 17 guests including site selectors and project managers attending the event. The final day concludes the event with Manufacturers attending from the community.

***NGT Food and Beverage Conference***

Ryan Moore reported that McKenzie Padgett is attending the NGT Food and Beverage Conference this week with topic on the latest trends in the food and beverage industry.

***EXISTING INDUSTRIES***

***Jered MOU Ceremony***

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Jered MOU ceremony was well-attended with over 100 of Jered's staff there. Jered plans to consolidate the two sites into one operating campus at Sideny Lanier Drive to include a 100,000 square foot expansion and a total capital investment of \$45,000,000. Chairman Christy Jordan, Daren Pietsch, and Bill Dawson, and Chairman County Commissioner Wayne Neal were all in attendance and commented on the successful ceremony.

***2023 Worksource Georgia Academy Conference***

Sherri Pruitt reported on joining the Worksource Georgia Academy Conference held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center with Deputy Commissioner Karen Kirchler opening with Re-engaging and Rebuilding Georgia's Workforce.

***FTZ Operator Roundtable***

Sherri Pruitt reported on the FTZ Operator Roundtable hosted by Savannah WTC was another successful event this year with discussions on changes, issues, best practice and ideas for

operations. Leigh Ryan and Antwone Smoak continue to do an excellent job each year with the event that includes port and other allies in attendance.

## **WORKFORCE**

### ***Keep Glynn Running Pathway to Success Week***

Ryan Moore reported that McKenzie Padgett spoke at the Keep Glynn Running Pathway to Success Week. The Authority also have a booth to discuss the perks of working in the manufacturing industry.

### ***Leadership Glynn Speaking Event***

Ryan Moore reported that McKenzie Padgett is speaking at the Leadership Glynn to give updates on our region. More to come.

### ***This Girl Can (TGC) Event***

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Authority hosted the TGC event this past Thursday and introduced the speaker, Jenni Justiz Quinones, R & D for King and Prince Seafood. Sherri Pruitt noted that Brian Weese is doing a great job with TGC and noted it has grown substantially in the years and is inspiring to hear the speakers and watch the girl's enthusiasm grow each year.

## **GCAC**

### **Georgia Aviation Authority DNR Hangar Aeronautical Sublease – SSI Airport**

A **MOTION** was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded Greer Anderson and to approve the Georgia Aviation Authority DNR Hangar Aeronautical sublease at the SSI Airport as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

### **Airport Commission Nominating Committee**

Rob Burr reported that the GCAC Nominating Committee interviewed three candidates who applied for the board. The Nominating Committee recommends that Airport Commissioner Doug Hutson be reappointed to his second term. (Five-year term beginning January 1, 2024).

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Dawson and seconded Daren Pietsch and to approve Doug Hutson be reappointed to his second term as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Development Authority Board Meeting – January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am, location TBD

## **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 Greer Anderson and seconded by Daren Pietsch to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate, Pending or Potential Litigation, Personnel. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

A **MOTION** was made by Greer Anderson and seconded by Daren Pietsch to return to Open Session. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

## Returned to Open Session

### ADJOURN

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Greer Anderson. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

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*Chairman Christy Jordan*

*Attest:*

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*Sherri Pruitt*

*Director of BR&E / Golden Isles Development Authority*