



March 5, 2024
GIDA Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CHRISTY JORDAN
BILL DAWSON
DAREN PIETSCH
GREER ANDERSON
RICHARD NIXON

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
MCKENZIE PADGETT, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
WAYNE NEAL, GLYNN COUNTY
ROB BURR, GCAC
SHAUNA WILLIAMS, GCAC
BRIAN WEESE, GICCA
CHARLES EZELLE, THOMAS & HUTTON
DIALO CARTRIGHT, GEORGIA POWER

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Bill Dawson gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Christy Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Greer Anderson, seconded by Bill Dawson, and passed unanimously to accept the agenda as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

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

Selection of Consultant for Investment Services

Daren Pietsch reported that the committee met and after reviewing options, recommended continuing to use Synovus Bank for investment services.

A **MOTION** was made by Richard Nixon and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve continuing using Synovus Bank for investment services as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Richard Nixon to approve the February 6th, 2024, Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

A **MOTION** was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Richard Nixon to approve the February 23rd, 2024, Called Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

FINANCIALS

Approve January Financials

Joan Hearn reviewed the financials with the board and the Authority has invoiced all of the Foreign Trade Zone consumers.

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

UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Chamber Capital Trip

Ryan Moore reported that he along with Daren Pietsch and McKenzie Padgett attended the Chamber Capital trip. Ryan Moore and Commissioner Wayne Neal met with the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development, Pat Wilson while in Atlanta. The Authority also presented to the Leadership Glynn Class with the assistance of Jason Coley and Dialo Cartright with Georgia Power.

State of the Community

Ryan Moore reported that the Chamber hosted the State of the Community with a great crowd in attendance. The City and the County gave updates on all the good news and good partnerships happening in the community.

GIDA Open House

Ryan Moore reported that while the weather was a little drizzly it did not discourage the public. The event was a huge success and he thanked everyone for attending.

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority continues to see projects coming in strong along with a lot more advanced manufacturing inquiries coming in. More to come.

Area Development Workshop

McKenzie Padgett reported that she will be attending the Area Development Workshop in Kentucky with a limit of 135 attendees. This allows more opportunity for one-on-one conversations with Site Selectors. More to come.

Project Manager Update

McKenzie Padgett and Ryan Moore will be in Atlanta for the Project Manager update with Saint Patrick's Day as the theme. More to come.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Golden Isles Developers Academy

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Golden Isles Developers Academy will be held here on March 22nd with Ryan Moore speaking and Forward Brunswick and the Lucas Center partnering together for a great opportunity for entrepreneur's interested in developing workforce housing, etc. More to come.

VIA Conference Partnership

McKenzie Padgett reported on the VIA Conference partnership and the great opportunity for professional growth and for speakers to tell their stories. More to come.

VIA Connections at The Makers

Sherri Pruitt reported on women entrepreneur event held monthly at The Makers. Always well-attended with a new member from the community, Andi with Biron Tea, joining the event.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

King and Prince 100 Year Anniversary

Sherri Pruitt reported that while the Authority was unable to attend because of a scheduling conflict, the event was well attended. The King and Prince 100 Year Anniversary celebration will be held on March 13th from 10am to noon and a calendar invite will be sent to the board however everyone is encouraged to come celebrate the momentous event.

Shot Show

Sherri Pruitt reported that the annual largest international shot show with over 2500 exhibitors in attendance was a great event with several local manufacturers exhibiting. The Authority hosted a dinner with the manufacturers and a client attending as well. The event is a great networking opportunity and noted that Georgia is the only state represented at the event.

Share the Future Update

Sherri Pruitt updated the board on the Share the Future grants for the year noting that the Authority has reached the allotted amount for the year. The Share the Future grant is a dollar-for-dollar grant with a maximum of \$10,000 from the Authority to assist with placemaking and innovation throughout the community.

WORKFORCE

Housing 201

Sherri Pruitt reported on attending the Department of Community Affairs and Georgia Power Workforce Housing 201 event in Statesboro with a great turnout and specifically from Glynn County. The event was very informative, noting the changing in size of homes going to a more cottage style, 1,000 sf or less.

Port Industry Tour

McKenzie Padgett reported on the upcoming Port Industry tour that the Authority is participating in with Brian Weese with the GICCA. The event is for the Career Ready Certificate program for students. The students leave with a service certificate and forklift certification. The students are picked by their counselor because they aren't sure what they want to do after school but aren't interested in college. Brian Weese noted that they will be attending the MAP International business this Friday for a community service project and tour of their facilities.

Steam Fest Partnership

McKenzie Padgett will be joining the Glynn County School system again this year for the Steam Fest event. McKenzie Padgett will be representing the Keep Glynn Running program. More to come.

MARKETING

Unsung Hero

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority has featured three unsung heroes in the community with a great response of over 5,300 reaches. The purpose is to celebrate some of the leaders in the community that don't get recognition for all the behind the scenes work they do.

McKenzie Padgett reported that social media has been doing phenomenally well with the Authority's reach up 230% in the past 30 days. The GIDA website is up 294% in the past 30 days as well.

GCAC

Airport Commission Budget Amendment #2324-01

A **MOTION** was made by Richard Nixon and seconded by Daren Pietsch to approve the GCAC Budget Amendment #2324-01 as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

IMPORTANT DATES

- GIDA Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 2nd, 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: 5-0.

A **MOTION** was made by Greer Anderson and seconded by Daren Pietsch to return to Open Session. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

Returned to Open Session

A **MOTION** was made by Richard Nixon and seconded by Greer Anderson to authorize extension of Moxley contract as presented, subject to legal review. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5:0.

ADJOURN

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Bill Dawson. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Attest:

Sherri Pruitt

Director of BR&E / Golden Isles Development Authority

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.

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