



April 4, 2023
Large Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BILL AUSTIN
JONES HOOKS
JACK KILGORE
BILL DAWSON
CHRISTY JORDAN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
MCKENZIE PADGETT, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
JADA FRIERSON, GOODYEAR ELEMENTARY STUDENT
JONATHAN FRIERSON, GUEST
LORETTA KELLY, GUEST
KAREN POLITE, RAWL REALTY
ROB BURR, GCAC
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC
PETE SNELL, COASTAL PINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
MATHEW HILL, DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
DIALO CARTWRIGHT, GEORGIA POWER
PAM SHIERLING, THE ISLANDER NEWS

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Christy Jordan gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jada Frierson with Goodyear Elementary began the pledge of allegiance.

ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Christy Jordan, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Bill Austin invited public comments.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

No items

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Jones Hooks to approve the March 7th, 2023, Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

FINANCIALS

Approve February Financials

Joan Hearn reported that the Authority closed on the Dean Island Tract with SPLOST proceeds from Glynn County.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendment to Employee Handbook Holiday Policy

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority would like to follow the Glynn County Holiday Calendar for consistency. The change adds two additional days to the Development Authority Holidays.

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

Board Member Application Ad

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority will run an ad from April 7th through April 21st for the three board member vacancies coming up in July. Bill Austin appointed Christy Jordan to join him on the committee to do the interviews.

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

UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

Ryan Moore reported that project activity is still strong with 24 projects to date since July 1st and noting that half of the projects are EV battery-operated. More to come.

GLS Update

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority will be traveling to Greenville South Carolina to give them an update on our area. More to come.

MRO Americus

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority is partnering with the Glynn County Airport Commission to travel to Atlanta to visit with prospects for the MRO Americus. More to come.

Breakbulk and Project Cargo Conference

Ryan Moore reported that he will be traveling to New Orleans to learn more about the breakbulk and cargo industry. More to come.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

SBR Share the Future Video

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Authority continues to work on the STF videos. Parker Alexander with Empire Sky shot the most recent video highlighting the use of the Innovating grant for manufacturing equipment to increase their production of products.

Rich's Manufacturing Video

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Authority will be starting videos highlighting manufacturing companies in the area with the most job openings and opportunities. More to come.

MARKETING

Georgia Logistics Summit

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority attend the Georgia Logistics Summit and met with Georgia Power to meet and greet and network. The summit shared the state news including good things coming to Glynn County's Colonel Island and Mayors Point.

Keller Williams Realty GI Update

Ryan Moore reported that he had the opportunity to present to the Keller Williams leadership group on the activities with the Authority in Glynn County and ways they could get involved.

Keep Glynn Running Rebrand

McKenzie Padgett reported that she is working on rebranding Keep Glynn Running as a resource for job search optimizations. More to come.

Live Oak Video

McKenzie Padgett reported that Live Oak reached out and wants to feature our area businesses in some of their upcoming videos. More to come.

WORKFORCE

Talent Development Strategy Workforce

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority and the Chamber will be using the Keep Glynn Running to help market the Talent Development Strategy Workforce. The Talent Workforce will be highlighting local industries and job opportunities in the area. More to come.

Externship Program

McKenzie Padgett met with Kimberly Burgess of Coastal Pine Technical College on the Internship program. Kimberly Burgess is working with approximately a dozen businesses and the Authority will be working with her to help with marketing efforts to get students in the program.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Womxn Conference 2023

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority partnered with VIA Connects for the first annual Womxn Conference. The event was a huge success with over 150 in attendance, 12 speakers, and the Womxn Conference raised \$10,000 for the event.

Women Entrepreneurship Event

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Authority continues to partner with Anne Goodstein and several other women-owned businesses to host the Women Entrepreneurship event. The event is held quarterly and was held on March 22nd at Xino Furniture. Everyone in attendance went to the Womxn Conference as well.

Pitch Competition

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Lucas Center has an 8-week program for business owners to learn and grow in their businesses. At the end of the program, there is a pitch competition to pitch their business plan in front of investors. The Authority provided dinner for the event and Golden Isles Popcorn and VIA Connect received funding from the event for their ideas.

GCAC

Informational Items

Rob Burr reported on reauthorization for FAA this year. The GCAC is hoping to get more funding for the SSI Airport which is currently underfunded. More to come.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Development Authority Board Meeting – May 2nd, 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

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

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

Returned to Open Session

A **MOTION** was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Jack Kilgore to approve the Project Nemo option as discussed and subject to legal review. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

ADJOURN

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Jones Hooks. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Chairman William L. Austin, Jr.

Attest:

Sherri Pruitt

Director of BR&E / Golden Isles Development Authority