



**MINUTES – April 6, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Large Board Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

WAYNE JOHNSON
JACK KILGORE
JONES HOOKS
BILL AUSTIN
CHRISTY JORDAN, ZOOM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

JONES HOOKS

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
VANESSA WAGNER, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
HILLARY STRINGFELLOW, GILBERT HARRELL
BILL BRUNSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ROB BURR, GCAC
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC
SHAWNA WILLIAMS, GCAC
GORDAN JACKSON, THE BRUNSWICK NEWS
MICHAEL KOZLAREK, KOZLAREK LAW

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wayne Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jack Kilgore gave invocation and began pledge of allegiance.

III. WELCOME & PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Wayne Johnson welcomed guests and invited public comments. No public comments were requested.

IV. ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Bill Austin, seconded by Jack Kilgore, and passed unanimously to accept the Agenda as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Austin to approve the March 2, 2021 Work Strategy Meeting Minutes as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

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VI. CHAIRMAN ITEMS

Sherri Pruitt Clerk Certification

Chairman Wayne Johnson presented the Georgia Clerks Education Institute Certificate to Sherri Pruitt. The certificate is a 101-hour program of classes developed in cooperation with the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government, the Georgia Municipal Clerks Association, and the Georgia County Clerks Association. The classes are taught by Institute of Government instructional faculty and local government professionals.

VII. FINANCIALS

Approve February Financials – Joan Hearn

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Jack Kilgore to approve the February financials as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of WY Agreements

A **MOTION** was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Austin to approve the Purchase and Sales Agreement between Glynn County and Golden Isles Development Authority as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

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A **MOTION** was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Jack Kilgore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between WY and Golden Isles Development Authority as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Signing of Project Peach

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Jack Kilgore to sign the Project Peach solar agreement as presented, subject to legal review. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

IX. UPDATES

PRESIDENT’S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority continues to see an increase in new projects. The Authority had a site visit with a food processing company and the Authority is currently working with a project that is the largest project for Glynn County and the state of Georgia. We are currently one of two finalists for the project. More to come.

Research FDI

Vanessa Wagner reported that the Authority continues to work with FDI on attraction strategies. FDI is a trusted partner for lead generation services with research on companies expanding in the next few years. The Authority has had two meetings in March with various organizations with additional meetings to follow.

GEDA Events

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority was invited by GEDA to be part of the virtual on-line workshop, Successful K12 Workforce Development Engagement Strategies along with Lori Peacock from GICCA. The topic will highlight the This Girl Can project. More to come.

The GEDA Spring Conference will be held May 19-21 with Ryan Moore moderating the panel for the event. More to come.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

Makers Meet Up - Virtual

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Facebook Live Makers Meet up with Silver Bluff Brewery was a success reaching nearly 3,000 viewers and over 700 engagements. Silver Bluff Brewery is a local manufacturing company located in downtown Brunswick. Their name refers to a time when the Golden Isles came together during the Pleistocene Epoch (the last Ice Age) and St. Simons, Jekyll, and Brunswick were a single landmass. Geologists have long referred to this formation as the Silver Bluff. The Authority did a tour of the facility and will continue to do regular events hosting various local manufacturers in the community.

Share the Future Flyers

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Authority is streamlining the Share the Future program so that all three programs will now be a dollar-for-dollar matching grant for investments up to \$10,000. Flyers were distributed to the board and guests.

Launch at Scojet

Vanessa Wagner reported that the Authority has partnered with Scojet, a local product design manufacturing company, to launch a pilot program. The program is the help connect entrepreneurs with an advising network to assist in marketing and branding and get their invention in production. More to come.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Workforce Strategy Update

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority rolled out the final Workforce documents with good response from the community. The first meeting will be held on April 28th.

Keep Glynn Running

- **This Girl Can**

Vanessa Wager reported on the This Girl Can opportunity that Lori Peacock with GICCA brought from her previous community. The event provides an opportunity for female students to help determine their career paths. GIDA continues to sponsor the event with three students in April for automotive, engineering and welding. A waiting list of students already signed up.

X. GCAC

- **Golden Isles Development Authority Audit Committee Members-Meeting Minutes March 8, 2021**

Bill Austin reported that the GCAC had a clean audit with no discrepancies. Al McKinnon is the new Chairman and Bill Austin will take position next year.

A **MOTION** was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Austin to approve the March 8, 2021 GIDA Audit Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

- **Glynn County Airport Commission Audit Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Report**

A **MOTION** was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Austin to approve the Glynn County Airport Commission Audit Fiscal Year 2019/2020 report as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

- **Airport Ordinance – Hillary Stringfellow**

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Jack Kilgore to approve the Airport Ordinance as amended. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

XI. IMPORTANT DATES

- Development Authority Board Meeting–May 4th, Large Board Room, Tuesday at 9am.
- One Million Cups – April 7th, Topsy McSway’s, Wednesday at 9am

XII. 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 Bill Austin and seconded by Jack Kilgore to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate, Pending or Potential Litigation. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

A **MOTION** to was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Austin to return to Open Session. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Returned to Open Session

XIII. ADJOURN

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Austin. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Chairman Wayne Johnson

Attest:

Sherrri Pruitt
BRE Coordinator/ 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.