



**MINUTES – May 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Large Board Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
VANESSA WAGNER, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
BILL BRUNSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ROB BURR, GCAC
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC
SHAWNA WILLIAMS, GCAC
TIFFANY LANDRY, GCAC
DIALO CARTWRIGHT, GEORGIA POWER
RALPH STAFFINS, CHAMBER
PETE SNELL VIA ZOOM, COASTAL PINE
GORDAN JACKSON VIA ZOOM, THE BRUNSWICK NEWS
PAM SHERLING VIA ZOOM, THE ISLANDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wayne Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bill Austin 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 Jack Kilgore, seconded by Christy Jordan, and passed unanimously to accept the Agenda as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Christy Jordan to approve the April 6, 2021 Minutes as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

VI. CHAIRMAN ITEMS

No items to discuss.

VII. FINANCIALS

Approve February Financials – Joan Hearn

Joan Hearn presented the financials noting that the Gateway Tract loan has been paid off and Gulfstream is the only loan left. In good shape financially.

A MOTION was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Jones Hooks to approve the March financials as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0.

VIII. UPDATES

PRESIDENT’S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority continues to see an increase in new projects with several different projects resuming post pandemic. Three to four projects have come back over last 18 months with one being the largest project Glynn County has ever worked. We are currently one of two finalists on the short list for the project. More to come.

GEDA Events

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority has participated in a few events with Spring Conference coming up in a few weeks. The GEDA Spring Conference will be held May 19-21 with Ryan Moore moderating the diversity and inclusion panel for the event and Ryan is on the planning committee as well.

Vanessa participated in an event on Workforce April 22nd, hosted by GEDA, focused on This Girl Can. They picked three best practices across state of Georgia to high-light and This Girl Can was one of the three chosen. There were 250 already registered to participate in the virtual presentation.

Tradewinds Update

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority owns 70 acres at exit 42 on I-95 and 689 acres to the south is privately owned by WEDA Corporation. The Authority has engaged with them to discuss opportunities for collaboration. The developers have extensive developments in Miami. More to come.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

Makers Meet Up - Virtual

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Facebook Live Makers Meet up with Grace Graffiti was another successful event noting they are a local wood art manufacturing company located in downtown Brunswick. The Authority did a tour of their facility and got a sneak peek at the new Mox Shop facility beside them set to open May 7th for First Friday. The Authority will continue to host regular events with various local manufacturers in the community.

The Authority will also be doing an in-person Makers Meetup again on May 5th with Jefecitas Mobile Kitchen serving patrons.

Community Leader Roundtable

Sherri Pruitt reported that the roundtable was well attended with each organization giving a three-to-five-minute snapshot of the current condition of their organization. The meeting will be held quarterly.

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Authority collaborated with the Chamber on a possible closing of a local store that employees approximately 70 people. The manager needed an economic overview and trends for Glynn County to show the need for them to remain in our community. After presenting to the owner, they opted to stay.

Sherri Pruitt also reported that another B2B was established in Glynn County. Island Forge has started using handles designed and made by Odin Lumber.

Launch at Scojet

Vanessa Wagner reported that the Authority has partnered with Scojet, a local product design manufacturing company, to launch a pilot program. Inventors participate in a pilot program with an advising network to assist in marketing, legal and financial assistance. More to come.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Workforce Strategy Update

Ryan Moore reported that the workforce strategy is complete. The Authority and Chamber called together the first meeting of the implementation committee. Dialo Cartwright with Georgia Power is facilitating quarterly meetings. Ryan Moore shared statistics from Commissioner Mark Butler on availability of labor force in Georgia. The average unemployment is \$14.50 an hour with maximum at \$16.50 an hour so a worker making less than \$15 an hour might make more on unemployment with the federal supplement than working. Approximately 89% of unemployment claims are from labor force earning \$30,000 annually or less. Federal supplement should end by mid-summer.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Project Weyerhaeuser

Ryan Moore reported that the final paperwork is complete on the Weyerhaeuser project with the help of the County and a dormant piece of property is back in use as a corporate regional headquarter facility. They will employ approximately 40 employees averaging \$80,000 year salary. Should be closing in the next 60 days. More to come.

Spec Building Update

Ryan Moore reported that the previously approved design and engineering funds at North Glynn for 33,000 sf building is underway. One of three companies that expressed strong interest is serious prospect to fill building when complete. The remaining two choose other locations in Glynn County to expand.

Wetland Delineation Update

Ryan Moore updated the Board on the funds approved for the wetland delineation. The Authority is 60% complete with the delineation with more to come.

IX. GCAC

• **Mike Whitehead Sublease Amendment-SSI Airport**

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Bill Austin to approve the Mike Whitehead Sublease Amendment-SSI Airport as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

• **Davis Love III Foundation, Inc-RSM Classic Golf Tournament -SSI Airport**

A **MOTION** was made by Jack Kilgore and seconded by Bill Austin to approve the Davis Love III Foundation, Inc-RSM Classic Golf Tournament – SSI Airport as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

• **Transfer of Longview Hangar #4 from Jim Bailey to Jonathan Sacks-SSI Airport**

Terra Winslett reported that Mr. Jim Bailey has requested to assign Longview Hangar #4 to Jonathan Sacks JAS GA Enterprises LLC. Informational only and no vote needed.

• **Georgia Senate Resolution 80 Joint Legislative Committee on Airport Infrastructure**

Rob Burr gave overview of Georgia Senate Resolution 80 Joint Legislative Committee on airport infrastructure with more to come.

• **Informational Items**

Delta, effective May 1st, has gone back to full seating on aircrafts. Delta is back to three flights a day with hopes to get up to the four flights a day as planned pre pandemic. Leisure travelers are flying but business travelers are still lagging.

Tipsy McSway's has signed agreement with the Brunswick Airport and their goal is to be open for business by July. More to come.

X. IMPORTANT DATES

- Development Authority Board Meeting–June 1st, Large Board Room, Tuesday at 9am.
- One Million Cups – May 5th, Tipsy McSway's, Wednesday at 9am

- Makers Meetup – May 5th, Silver Bluff Brewery, Wednesday at 5pm

XI. 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 Christy Jordan and seconded by Jones Hooks to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate, Pending or Potential Litigation. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

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

Returned to Open Session

XII. ADJOURN

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

Chairman Wayne Johnson

Attest:

Sherri Pruitt
BRE Coordinator/ Golden Isles Development Authority