



May 7, 2024
GIDA Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BILL DAWSON
DAREN PIETSCH
GREER ANDERSON
CHRISTY JORDAN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

RICHARD NIXON

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
MCKENZIE PADGETT, STAFF
WAYNE NEAL, GLYNN COUNTY
WALTER RAFALSKI, GLYNN COUNTY
ROB BURR, GCAC
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC
PAM SHIERLING, ISLANDER NEWS
EMILE De JESUS De LACRUZ
JORGE De JESUS De LACRUZ
ROCIO De JESUS De LACRUZ

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Bill Dawson gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Emile De Jesus De Lacruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Greer Anderson, 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 Amended FY24 Budget

Ryan Moore request item differed to next meeting.

Consideration of Investment Policy Statement (IPS)

Ryan Moore reported that Daren Pietsch and Greer Anderson served on the Investment Policy Committee (IPC) to develop an IPS for the authority. Synovus Bank has been hired to manage the funds. The IPC and legal have both reviewed the IPS. Daren Pietsch says it's flexible for and allows for amendment as needed and recommends approval.

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch, seconded by Bill Dawson, and passed unanimously to adopt the Investment Policy Statement as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Authorize New Signers for First Chatham Account

Ryan Moore reported that it has been the policy of the Authority to reinvest in CD's and all five of the board members need to be added as signers to the First Chatham Account and allow Joan Hearn, financial consultant staff, to have access to the account.

A MOTION was made by Greer Anderson, seconded by Daren Pietsch, and passed unanimously to approve the board members for signers for First Chatham accounts and Joan Hearn for access to the account as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Daren Pietsch and seconded by Greer Anderson to approve the April 2, 2024, Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

FINANCIALS

Approve March Financials

Ryan Moore reviewed the financials with the board with no large expenses to report.

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Daren Pietsch and to approve the March financials as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Southeast Georgia Alliance (SEGA) Mixer Update

Ryan Moore reported that the Southeast Georgia Alliance is comprised of a six-county regional alliance with real estate that includes rail service from both CSX and Norfolk Southern. Jan Melcher is the Executive Director for SEGA. SEGA has a new brand image along with a stronger social media presence. SEGA had a mixer in the GIDA large board room with board members invited from each county to help each community recognize the benefit of the regional partnership. Good reception with opportunity to share the benefits and vision of SEGA.

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

McKenzie Padgett reported that the Authority has lost three projects from the list to other states. However, the Authority has had three site visits this month with one in Atlanta that several Authority's applied for but only a handful of Authority's were invited to present, our Authority being one of them. The Golden Isles Development Authority was one of six authorities given a 15-minute slot to present. Ryan Moore noted this was due to McKenzie Padgett's hard work.

GEDA Spring Workshop

McKenzie Padgett reported on the GEDA Spring Workshop coming up May 22, 2024, and this year it is being held at Sea Palms on Saint Simons Island. Ryan Moore will be on the Workforce Panel to discuss the Talent Development Strategy developed in partnership with the Chamber in 2021. Brian Weese of GICCA is coming with the mobile welding truck. Ryan Moore and McKenzie Padgett both serve on the planning committee. More to come.

Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) Board Meeting

Ryan Moore reported that the next GDEcD board meeting will be on Jekyll Island on the May 15th through 17th with JIA hosting the event and GIDA partnering to host with them for the dinner on May 15th with low country boil and Ryan Moore will make sure to get the board invites to them.

Georgia International Trade Convention (GITC)

Ryan Moore reported on the GITC convention held annually with invite only at Sea Island. GIDA partnered the Georgia Ports Authority this year to host a group for dinner. The Authority expected 10 but had over 30 attend including brokers, developers, Georgia Port Authority, Georgia Power, and state representatives.

Southeast Development Council (SEDC) Meet the Consultants

McKenzie Padgett reported that the annual SEDC Meet the Consultants was held in Atlanta with all good things going on in the southeast and was well attended. Great event with sessions on emerging trends, SEGA's booth to increase awareness, importance of relationship building, and networking opportunities.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

She Means Business Luncheon

McKenzie Padgett reported that she and Sherri Pruitt attended the She Means Business luncheon hosted by the Chamber at the Queen and Grant. The speakers conveyed their success stories within our community with over 150 in attendance.

Lucas Center Friends and Partner Event

McKenzie Padgett reported that she along with Greer Anderson and Daren Pietsch are on the advisory board for the Lucas Center Partner event. The Lucas Center is growing considerably, and funding is an issue so a Partners and Friend Event will be held in a few weeks to help financially grow the organization. More to come.

GAMA (Georgia Automotive Manufacturers Association) Event

Sherri Pruitt reported that she will be attending the GAMA event next month with the focus on AI and supply chain solutions. The event will be held in Cartersville Georgia. More to come.

Georgia Small Business ROCK STAR

Ryan Moore reported that five businesses from Georgia were selected as small business ROCK STAR with Grace Graffiti of Glynn County being one of the well-deserving recipients this year. Grace Graffiti was one of the first businesses to take up residence and start changing downtown for the past 10 years. Social media goes out next week. GIDA was a part of the ceremony with Ryan Moore welcoming everyone and Sherri Pruitt presenting the award.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

Manufacturing Roundtable Kick Off Event

Sherri Pruitt reported on the kickoff event for the manufacturing roundtable held April 29th is in GIDA's board room. The purpose of the event is to have each industry give a snapshot of who they are and what they do. The manufacturers will be sharing input on what they want to have each quarter as a topic of discussion. More to come.

Prosperity Through Trade International Business of the Year

Ryan Moore presented the video for the Prosperity Through Trade International Business of the Year for the board to see. Ryan Moore reported that GP Cellulose Brunswick was awarded the International Business of the Year with this being the first time Glynn County has won. Ryan Moore noted the great exposure with over 500 people in attendance. GIDA had a full table and GP Cellulose Brunswick attended with a full table as well.

Grits & Issues

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority had a table at the Grits and Issues presented by the Chamber of Commerce with a well done and well attended event.

WORKFORCE

Glynn County Fire/Rescue Strategic Planning Stakeholder Meeting

Sherri Pruitt reported on attending the Glynn County Fire/Rescue meeting along with other stakeholders from the community. Good information was shared with the takeaway being focus on trust, knowledge, and mental health for both the public as well as the fire fighters.

Coastal Pines Sporting Clay Classic Event

Sherri Pruitt reported that she attended the Coastal Pines Sporting Clay event at Dorchester on May 4th. The event is held annually with all proceeds going to student scholarships.

MARKETING

Community Leader Roundtable

Sherri Pruitt reported on the Community Leader roundtable held quarterly. The purpose of the roundtable is for each community leader to give a snapshot of happenings in their organization. No media, no minutes, no press, just open conversations with great information shared.

Georgia Trend Community Ad

McKenzie Padget reported on the annual ad in partnership with the Chamber and CVB. The ad is five pages long with various community information highlighted. More to come.

GCAC

Coastal Georgia Honor Flight, May 4, 2024

Rob Burr reported on the Honor Flight with a record number in attendance. The GCAC puts this together each year and its always a great event for the veterans and the community.

IMPORTANT DATES

- GIDA Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 4th, 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: 4-0.

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

Returned to Open Session

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Greer Anderson to give Ryan Moore the authority to direct Gilbert Harrell Sumerford and Martin to seek a “Bona Fide Purchaser” status letter from the Environmental Protection Agency. The letter would provide protection against past environmental contamination should the authority choose to take possession of the former Brunswick Wood Treating facility, located on Perry Street in Brunswick, Georgia. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4:0.

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Greer Anderson to give Ryan Moore the authority to negotiate with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (“EPD”) to assign a lien currently held by EPD on the Brunswick Wood Treating facility to the authority. The lien assignment, in the form of a consent order with EPD, would allow the authority to satisfy the lien by foreclosing on the Brunswick Wood Treating facility. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4:0.

ADJOURN

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

Chairman Christy Jordan

Attest:

Sherri Pruitt
Director of BR&E / Golden Isles Development Authority