



July 11, 2023
Large Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BILL AUSTIN
JACK KILGORE VIA PHONE
JONES HOOKS
BILL DAWSON
CHRISTY JORDAN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
RICHARD NIXON, INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMAN
DAREN PIESTCH, TORRAS PROPERTIES
GREER ANDERSON, UNITED COMMUNITY BANK
JACK MOORE
HEATHER MOORE
GARY DOWNS, RECOVERY SOLUTIONS WORLDWIDE
LAUREN SEBALA, GOLDEN ISLES MATTRESS
SCARLETT SEBALA
JULIE MARTIN, CITY OF BRUNSWICK
REGINE McDUFFIE, CITY OF BRUNSWICK
JEREMIAH BERGQUIST, CITY OF BRUNSWICK
ROB BURR, GCAC
LEIGH NEWTON, GCAC
DORIE BACON, GDEcD
RALPH STAFFINS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PAM SHIERLING, THE ISLANDER NEWS
GORDON JACKSON, THE BRUNSWICK NEWS

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Chairman Bill Austin gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jack Moore began the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Jones Hooks, seconded by Bill Dawson, 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

Chairman Bill Austin introduced Rees Sumerford with Gilbert Harrell Sumerford Law. Rees Sumerford gave the history on how the Brunswick and Glynn Development Authority was created in 1962 through an amendment in the Georgia Constitution.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Jones Hooks to approve the June 6th, 2023, Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

FINANCIALS

Approve April Financials

Joan Hearn reported no significant changes to the budget and working on the year end.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Appointment of three persons to the Board of Governors

Chairman Bill Austin introduced and welcomed the upcoming board members; Darren Pietsch, Richard Nixon and Greer Anderson to the meeting. Chairman Bill Austin reported they will be sworn in at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Lease Agreement for Project Star

Ryan Moore differed to Executive Session. More to come.

Consideration of Office Space Lease for 211 Gloucester Street

Ryan Moore presented the Letter of Intent for office space located at 211 Gloucester Street to the board for review. The space will include an opportunity for the Lucas Entrepreneur Center.

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the 211 Gloucester Street office as presented, subject to legal review. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

Consideration of Share the Future Grants for Golden Isles Mattress

Sherri Pruitt presented the Share the Future request for Placemaking by Golden Isles Mattress not to exceed \$10,000 with a total project cost of \$20,000+. The grant will be used for lighting, security, signage, and façade' to increase the safety and aesthetics of the business's attractiveness and/or competitiveness.

A **MOTION** was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Christy Jordan to approve the Share the Future grant as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

Consideration of Share the Future Grants for Recovery Solutions Worldwide Placemaking

Recovery Solutions Worldwide is increasing and additional space was needed. With limited options, RSW and SIF created Indigo has expanded to new location but needs exterior improvements for attractiveness and visibility to customers.

Innovating

Recovery Solutions Worldwide is increasing and needs additional machine equipment to keep up with the demand.

Educating

Recovery Solutions Worldwide is purchasing new equipment and software that employees will need additional training on.

Jones Hooks expressed support for Recovery Solutions Worldwide and recommends moving forward with the Innovating grant. Jones Hooks recommends revisiting the Placemaking and Educating later and looking at other options in the meantime.

A **MOTION** was made by Jones Hooks and seconded by Christy approve the Innovating Share the Future grant as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Update

Ryan Moore reported that with the announcement of the recent closing of the Pinova Plant, the Authority is working with the Chamber on the Pinova Job Fair for July 13th and 14th at the

Pinova plant. Ryan Moore reported that McKenzie Padgett has done an incredible job pulling it all together. More to come.

Ryan Moore reported that there is the usual summertime lull with nothing new to report.

MARKETING

Community Video

Ryan Moore reported the Live Oak Fiber reached out to the Authority to participate in a promotional video along with other community businesses.

WORKFORCE

Second Annual AG Tech Summit

Sherri Pruitt reported on the AG Tech Summit held in Macon Georgia. AGTech leaders from across the state spoke on precision agriculture, controlled environment agriculture, and food processing industries.

Gulfstream Workforce Video

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Authority completed the workforce video with Gulfstreams new General Manager, Robert Madena so look for it on Social Media in the upcoming weeks. Sherri Pruitt reported the next workforce videos will be International Auto Processing and Wallenius Wilhelmsen. More to come.

Wallenius Wilhelmsen Hiring Event

Sherri Pruitt reported that Wallenius Wilhelmsen had a great turnout for their hiring event with approximately 90% of the participants receiving offer letters.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Women Entrepreneur Event

Sherri Pruitt reported that the Women Entrepreneur event was held at 1509 Brunswick with Director Tiffany Davis hosting. The Authority continues to partner with Women Entrepreneur which began one year ago and is held quarterly. Sherri Pruitt noted that it began as one of the Authority's goals and it continues to grow and thrive.

Lucas Center Advisory Board

Ryan Moore reported that McKenzie Padgett has been working on the advisory board for the Lucas Center. The Authority continues to support the Lucas Center and all that encompasses.

Objective and Key Results (OKR) UPDATES

Ryan Moore reported on the OKR Updates and outcomes. Ryan Moore noted that the staff is finalizing a more comprehensive annual report that will be available in the next few months.

GCAC

St Simons Island Properties, LLC Sublease – SSI Airport – Lot 1

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Jones Hooks to approve the Saint Simons Island Properties, LLC Sublease - SSI Airport – Lot 1 as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

Airport Commission Audit Committee

The Airport Commissioners modified the Audit Committee policy to reduce the number of members to one Airport Commissioner and one Development Authority member. Commissioner Farley will represent the Airport Commission. The Development Authority will select a representative next month after the appointment of the new board members.

Informational Items of Interest

Rob Burr reported on various projects at the Saint Simons and Glynn County Airports.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Development Authority Board Meeting – August 1st, 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

Closed Session - Personnel OCGA Section §50-14-2(b)(2)

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

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

Returned to Open Session

ADJOURN

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

Attest:

Chairman William L. Austin, Jr.

Sherri Pruitt

Director of BR&E / Golden Isles Development Authority