



**MINUTES – July 12, 2022, at 9:00 AM
Large Board Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

JACK KILGORE
BILL AUSTIN
WAYNE JOHNSON
CHRISTY JORDAN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

JONES HOOKS

OTHERS PRESENT

RYAN MOORE, STAFF
JOAN HEARN, STAFF
MCKENZIE PADGETT, STAFF
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL
BILL BRUNSON, GLYNN COUNTY
BILL DAWSON
ROB BURR, GCAC
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC
SHAUNA WILLIAMS, GCAC
JEFF CULWELL, GCAC
RALPH STAFFINS, BGCOC
BRETT BERGIADIS, TROY ACCOUSTICS
REVEREND ABRA LATTANY-REED
ROOSEVELT HARRIS, BRUNSWICK JOB CORP.
LAMONT ALLEN, BRUNSWICK JOB CORP.
ANDE NOKTES, LUCAS CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP
GORDAN JACKSON, THE BRUNSWICK NEWS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jack Kilgore called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

INVOCATION

Reverend Abra Lattany-Reed gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Jack Kilgore began the pledge of allegiance.

WELCOME & RECOGNIZE GUESTS

Chairman Jack Kilgore welcomed guests

ACCEPT AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Christy Jordan, seconded by Wayne Johnson, and passed unanimously to accept the agenda as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brunswick Job Corps Center

Roosevelt Harris reported that the Brunswick Job Corps Center is under new management, Adams and Associates effective July 1st, 2022. Roosevelt Harris introduced Lamont Allen, the new OACTS Director of the Brunswick Job Corps Center.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Swearing-In of New Board Members – Rees Sumerford

Rees Sumerford had Christy Jordan take the oath for reappointment to the Board for a new 3-year term, expiring 7/31/25 or when her successor is appointed.

Rees Sumerford had Bill Dawson take the oath as a new board member for a 3-year term, expiring 7/31/25 or when his successor is appointed.

Chairman Jack Kilgore thanked Wayne Johnson for his dedication and service to the Authority and to the community.

Chairman Jack Kilgore passed the gavel to the new Chairman, Bill Austin, effective August 1st, 2022.

Appoint Two Board members to Seve on the GCAC Audit Committee for FY 22/23

Bill Austin appointed Christy Jordan and Bill Dawson to represent the Authority on the GCAC Audit Committee for FY 22/23.

Kress Project Update, Pete Gosden , Managing partner of 9 Oaks & Co

Differed to a later date.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Wayne Johnson to approve the June 7th, 2022, Minutes as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0.

FINANCIALS

Approve May Financials

Joan Hearn presented the financials for the month of May.

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Wayne Johnson to approve the May financials as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Share the Future for Troy Acoustics

Sherri Pruitt presented the Share the Future request for Innovating by Troy Acoustics not to exceed \$10,000 with a total project cost of \$29,584. The grant will be used for equipment to increase the production, supply, and demand of the facility.

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Christy Jordan to approve the Share the Future grant as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

Consider Share the Future for Mi Tierra, LLC

Differed to a later date.

UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Project Manager Dinner

Ryan Moore reported that he and McKenzie Padgett are traveling to Atlanta to introduce McKenzie to Project Managers from Georgia EMC, Georgia Power, and CSX. More to come.

Project Update

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority is continuing to see traffic for suppliers in relation to the Hyundai announcement. Ryan Moore reported this is already having a positive impact for Glynn County, noting we are far enough away that we're not competitive with their labor force and logistically located to make sense for suppliers to come to our area. There has been a Point of Contact allocated for the Hyundai facility with more to come.

GEDA Development Authority Executives Forum

Ryan Moore reported that GEDA hosted the Development Authority Executive Forum at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. The event was well-attended by development authorities all over the state of Georgia.

EXISTING INDUSTRIES

Chamber Annual Dinner

Ryan Moore reported that the Chamber annual dinner was a great event held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center with several board members in attendance.

Industry Appreciation Event Update

Ryan Moore reported the Authority will be hosting the first annual Industry Appreciation event at Silver Bluff on October 6th, 2022. The event is an opportunity to thank local industries and show our appreciation. More to come.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Golden Isles College and Career Academy CEO Update

Ryan Moore reported that the search continues for the CEO for Golden Isles College and Career Academy with more to come.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Tradewinds Update

Ryan Moore reported that Tradewinds has rebranded at the Tradewinds Technical Park. For more information, you can visit the site: www.exit-42.com.

MARKETING

Share the Future Videos

McKenzie Padgett reported increasing our local brand awareness and engagement the Authority is celebrating the Share the Future grants with a Share the Future Friday campaign to spotlight recipients of the grants. More to come.

Live Oak Fiber

McKenzie Padgett reported that Live Oak Fiber went live on Monday and will be bringing broadband service to Glynn County through fiber optic cables and is set to open in 2023. More to come.

Presentation to Brunswick Rotary

McKenzie Padgett presented at the Brunswick-Glynn Rotary on how the Authority attracts and retains our local and future businesses.

Marketing Strategy

McKenzie Padgett reported that our market strategy is to increase market and brand awareness and generate leads for our community. To meet the goals, the Authority will increase marketing on Facebook, LinkedIn to reach our target audience as well as through Google ads and blog posts. More to come.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Idea Accelerator Bootcamp

Ryan Moore introduced Ande Noktes with the College of Coastal Georgia Lucas Center for Entrepreneurship who presented the Idea Accelerator Bootcamp at the College of Coastal. Ande Noktes reported that 22 people registered for the program with 19 participating in the Bootcamp. The participants came in with a business plan and left with a start-up plan. Ande Noktes has followed up with over half of the participants, four of which are now LLC's from the Bootcamp. There will be an 8-week follow-up program in the fall. More to come.

GCAC

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Budget Amendment #01

A **MOTION** was made by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Bill Austin to approve the FY 2022/2023 Capital Budget Amendment #01 as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

3809 Kilo LLC Sublease – Lot M – St. Simons Island Airport

A **MOTION** was made by Christy Jordan and seconded by Wayne Johnson to approve the 3809 Kilo LLC Sublease – Lot M – SSI Airport as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Development Authority Board Meeting – August 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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Wayne Johnson to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Estate, Pending or Potential Litigation, and Personnel. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 4-0.

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

Returned to Open Session

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ADJOURN

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Wayne Johnson. The MOTION carried unanimously: 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Chairman Bill Austin

Attest:

Sherri Pruitt

BRE Coordinator/ Golden Isles Development Authority