



**August 1, 2023**  
**Large Board Room**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

BILL AUSTIN  
JACK KILGORE  
BILL DAWSON  
CHRISTY JORDAN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

JONES HOOKS

**OTHERS PRESENT**

RYAN MOORE, STAFF  
SHERRI PRUITT, STAFF  
JOAN HEARN, STAFF  
REES SUMERFORD, COUNSEL  
RICHARD NIXON, INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMAN  
DAREN PIESTCH, TORRAS PROPERTIES  
JULIE MARTIN, CITY OF BRUNSWICK  
ROB BURR, GCAC  
TERRA WINSLETT, GCAC  
LANCE SABBE, FORWARD BRUNSWICK  
PETE SNELL, COASTAL PINES TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
BRIAN WEESE, GOLDEN ISLES COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY  
PAM SHIERLING, THE ISLANDER NEWS  
ALLISON REYNOLDS, THE BRUNSWICK NEWS

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Jack Kilgore gave an invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jack Kilgore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACCEPT AGENDA**

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

### **WELCOME & RECOGNIZE GUESTS**

Chairman Bill Austin welcomed guests.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Bill Austin invited public comments.

### **NEW BOARD MEMBER OATH - Daren Pietsch and Richard Nixon**

Rees Sumerford had Daren Pietsch take the oath as a new board member for a 3-year term, beginning 8/1/23 and expiring 7/31/26 or when his successor is appointed.

Rees Sumerford had Richard Nixon take the oath as a new board member for a 3-year term, beginning 8/1/23 and expiring 7/31/26 or when his successor is appointed.

Rees Sumerford noted that Greer Anderson is not present today and will be sworn in at the next board meeting.

Christy Jordan thanked Chairman Bill Austin and board member Jack Kilgore for their dedication and service to the Authority and to the community.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

- **New Board Officers effective August 1, 2023 are as stated:**

Christy Jordan – Chairman

Bill Dawson – Vice Chairman

Daren Pietsch – Secretary-Treasurer

- **Passing of the Gavel**

Chairman Bill Austin passed the gavel to Christy Jordan as the newly appointed Chairman of the Golden Isles Development Authority.

Jack Kilgore departed the meeting and Bill Austin remained for the rest of the meeting as a board member until Greer Anderson is sworn in at the next meeting.

Chairman Christy Jordan thanked each out-going board member with a gift and the past Chairman Bill Austin with a gift for his Chairmanship.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A **MOTION** was made by Richard Nixon and seconded by Bill Dawson to approve the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Minutes as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

### **FINANCIALS**

#### ***Approve June Financials***

Joan Hearn reported minor adjustments to the year-end budget noting the Authority was slightly over budget with a very busy year.

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Austin and seconded Richard Nixon to approve the June financials as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

### **UPDATES**

#### **PRESIDENT'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

##### **NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTION**

#### ***Project Update***

Ryan Moore reported that the Authority had a group of Project Managers and utility partners come down. McKenzie Padgett and Sherri Pruitt took them on a tour of the Golden Isles from the Port, to the Breakbulk site and ended at Tradewinds.

Ryan Moore reported on the new Vogtle Nuclear Power Plant announcement with Georgia Power. This is a big win for the state of Georgia and a great selling point for Glynn County.

#### **GCAC Woodman Builders Inc. – SSI Airport – Lot 3**

A **MOTION** was made by Bill Dawson and seconded by Richard Nixon to approve Woodman Builders Inc.- SI Airport–Lot 3 for showroom and storage as presented. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

### **Informational Items**

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

Rob Burr reported that the GCAC has appointed their Audit Committee and GIDA appointed Richard Nixon to represent the Authority.

Chairman Christy Jordan reported that the Authority had a Strategic Planning meeting event on July 19<sup>th</sup> and the results from the event will come out soon.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Development Authority Board Meeting – September 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Bill Austin and seconded by Richard Nixon 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 Bill Austin to return to Open Session. The **MOTION** carried unanimously: 5-0.

## Returned to Open Session

### ADJOURN

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Bill Austin and seconded by Bill Dawson. The MOTION carried unanimously: 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

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*Chairman Christy Jordan Attest:*

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*Sherri Pruitt*

*Director of BR&E / Golden Isles Development Authority*